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13 CREATIVE GARDEN FURNITURE IDEAS

TO ELEVATE YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE

Are you looking to transform your garden into a space that's both stylish and inviting? Your garden is your own private slice of nature, and the right design choices can elevate it into a dreamy getaway. Whether you have an expansive patio, an open poolside, or an intimate courtyard to work with, you can enhance your garden with these unique garden furniture ideas. Keep reading for a list of exterior design examples that will help you make your garden a beautiful feature of your home, courtesy of Harbour Lifestyle. In no time, you'll transform your yard into an oasis where people will want to gather and bask in the outdoors.

1. Create a Cosy Gathering Corner

A main focal point that doubles as a seating area is a must for any upscale garden. An L or U-shaped corner sofa will naturally create a comfortable, inviting nook that's perfect for get-togethers. Add an outdoor rug and a low dining table or coffee table to help section off

the space, and you'll essentially create an outdoor living room. If there's a wall nearby, tie the look together with outdoor wall art, such as wood or metal accent pieces.

Daybeds and lounge chairs are other options for creating a cozy lounging area. With plush seating, you'll encourage others to relax and enjoy a meal, conversation, or party game.

2. Dine Under the Sun and Stars

Another way to bring the indoors outside is with a garden dining set, such as an outdoor kitchen, dining table, or bar.

Have a think about what you want to use the space for. If your goal is to enjoy big family dinners outside or host garden parties, opt for a long dining table set. If you'll be hosting intimate gatherings or if you have a small family, opt for a more casual round table. An elegant option is a tabletop fire pit bar set, perfect for entertaining friends and serving drinks late into the night.

3. Embrace Nature with Rustic Details

If you're in love with your garden's natural beauty, choose wooden garden furniture that integrates with the environment. Wooden accents

create a rustic look that blends seamlessly into the natural world. Wooden chairs and side tables also look excellent next to potted plants, bushes, and trees.

Other ways to embrace a rustic look include installing a stone walkway and placing stone benches along your garden path.

4. Opt For Sleek Metallics

If a rustic design isn't your style, add some modern flavour with metal furniture. Industrial-style chairs and tables often embrace the concept of "less is more," letting the rest of your yard, like the flowers, a pool, or other water features, take centre stage. Black or silver metal garden furniture also creates a subtly sleek look.

Metal furniture pairs well with glass tabletops and chic, modern-style homes.

5. Add Shade with a Pergola

Say you've put together the perfect seating area with a garden sofa or two, but the space leaves you and your guests right under the scorching sun. Maybe you envision

your seating corner out near the pool or integrated into the garden, but you're concerned about the lack of outdoor shade.

A pergola is a perfect solution. This open structure with a slatted roof will help protect you from the sun on hot summer days. Plus, it will enclose the seating space even more, making it even cosier and more living room-like. A luxury pergola can come with customization options, like adjustable slats and drop sides, to let you create as much privacy and shade as the occasion calls for.

If you choose a simpler wooden pergola, you can grow vines along the slats and weave in lights along the top to add some personalization.

If you're interested in finding out what else you can do with your pergola, take a look at our article that discusses various pergola ideas.

6. Use Woven Textures

Woven materials like rattan and rope are outdoor classics. Furniture with these textured patterns contributes to a timeless and charming look. Plus, this type of furniture is built to withstand all seasons.

Rope garden furniture is quite stylish and stands the test of time. Modern rope furniture combines materials like thick rope and hardy aluminium to create designs that offer both elegance and durability.

Another weatherproof woven option is rattan furniture. Similar to rope, outdoor rattan dining sets and corner sofas are designed to last without sacrificing trendiness.

7. Incorporate Mood Lighting

Want to create a warm, radiant atmosphere in your garden even when the sun goes down? With stylish lights, you'll draw people

outside and illuminate your dinner conversations late into the evening.

There are lots of lighting options to choose from. Wall lanterns and sconces are convenient, lighting up the space with the flick of a switch. Cafe-style string lights above your seating area can create a romantic effect. Candles and traditional lanterns add a flickering, fireside feeling. Portable solar lanterns at each end of the sofa will provide a subtle glow.

8. Gather Around a Firepit

Another great way to encourage evening gatherings and late-night conversations is by gathering around a fire pit. Fire pits are great for roasting marshmallows, keeping warm, and encouraging people to go outside and enjoy the garden even in colder months.

Don't think a classic stone firepit is your only option. There are so many different ways to incorporate a firepit into your exterior design. For example, you can opt for a luxurious bar top fire pit, a firepit in the middle of your dining set, or a sleek fire pit table like the one above.

9. Lounge in a Swinging Chair

Seeking out that one-of-a-kind piece that will make you smile every time you step out into your garden? Hanging chairs can add dimension, interest, and fun to your space.

On a swinging lounger by the pool, you can gently sway back and forth while soaking up some vitamin D. In a hanging egg chair on the patio, you can curl up with a book, magazine, or your morning coffee, all while rocking in the breeze and listening to the sounds of nature.

10. Think Outside the Box with Sculptural Shapes

If you're fatigued with straight lines and run-of-the-mill design choices, there are plenty of options to add visual interest to your garden. For a contemporary look, consider furniture with sculptural shapes.

Round lounge sets, egg chairs, and curved tables all introduce playful shapes that are visually exciting yet still functional. Since few things in nature form perfectly straight lines, curvy furniture looks at home in the great outdoors. Sculptural shapes in the garden can also help create a sense of flow as you move throughout the space.

Accents that pair well with sculptural furniture include round pots, footstools, vases and ottomans.

11. Build Up Texture Layers

Just like in an indoor living room, fabric layering builds up visual interest and a sense of comfort in your outdoor space. Choose furniture with durable outdoor fabric and decorate your seating area with outdoor scatter cushions, blankets, and accent rugs. Especially

in the fall and winter months, a variety of comfortable fabrics will make the space appear more inviting.

Also, consider how you'll play with different textures. If your outdoor coffee table is sleek and smooth, place it on top of a woven rug to add some texture variety. If your dining set is a solid colour, introduce some patterns with flower vases or placemats on the table.

12. Include Colourful Accents

The last thing you want is for your garden furniture to look dull. Use accent pillows with solid, bright colours or patterned fabrics to add pops of colour. Consider a neutral sofa so you can swap out your colourful accent pillows by season. Just make sure everything is in an all-weather fabric so your beautiful design can withstand the elements.

Ottomans and rugs present more opportunities to add interesting patterns. Along with some bright flowers on the side tables, colourful accents make your garden furniture completely customizable.

13. Choose Calming Details

If you want to turn your garden into a peaceful getaway, add tranquil details like a water fountain, rock garden, low bamboo table, and minimalist furniture. This can help make your garden a place that encourages serenity and quiet reflection.

Choose furniture with calming colours like blues, greens, and light beiges. In the example above, everything is light and airy, and the orchid on the centre table adds another peaceful touch. Consider including a garden parasol as well to shade the area and add another element of charm and luxury.

With these unique garden furniture ideas as a starting point, you can kick off your brainstorming session. You'll discover design elements that will transform your garden into the gorgeous sanctuary you've always wanted it to be.

Make sure to add your own little touches of personality here and there. Finally, remember to integrate your outdoor design with your interior design to make the garden feel like a natural extension of your home. Soon, your garden will be a place that your family and friends will never want to leave.

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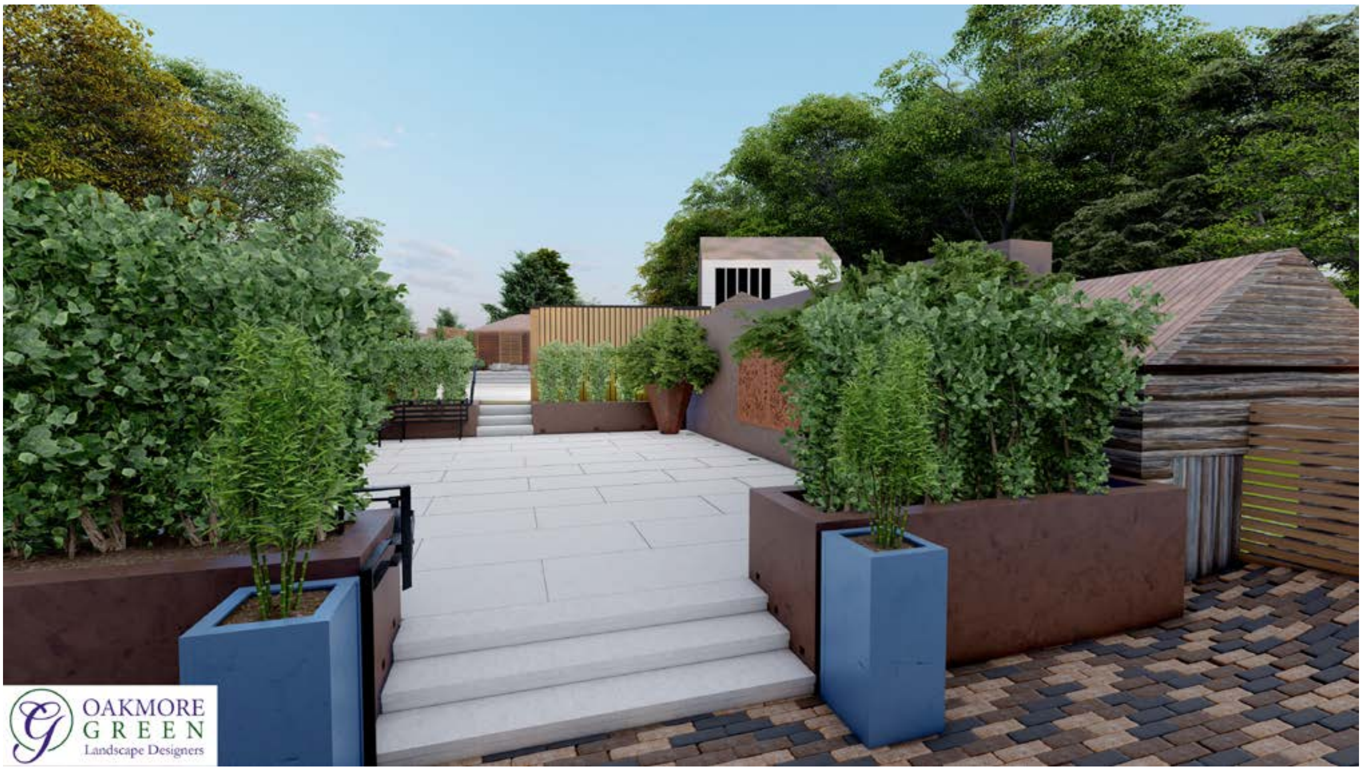

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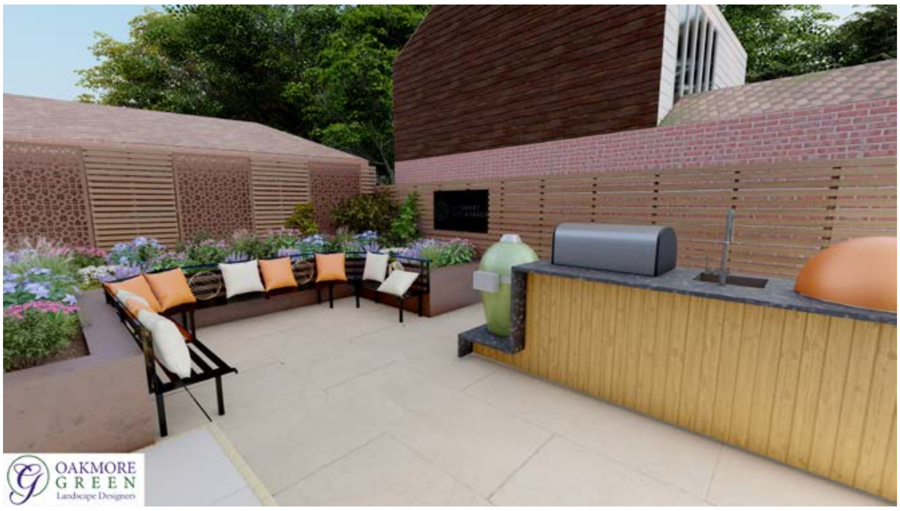

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THE DESIGN OF THE SMART HOME GARDEN

From identifying the space available the concept was to divide the area into different rooms that could be enjoyed throughout the year no matter what time of the day it was.

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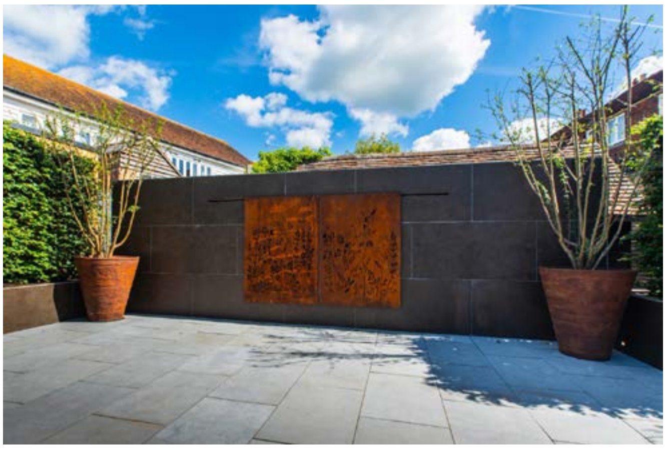

The kitchen area was designed at the back of the garden with a pizza oven and plenty of room on the work tops to cook whilst entertaining. The smart office is situated in the centre of the garden design and can double up as a summer house on warmer days to take a break from the sunshine.

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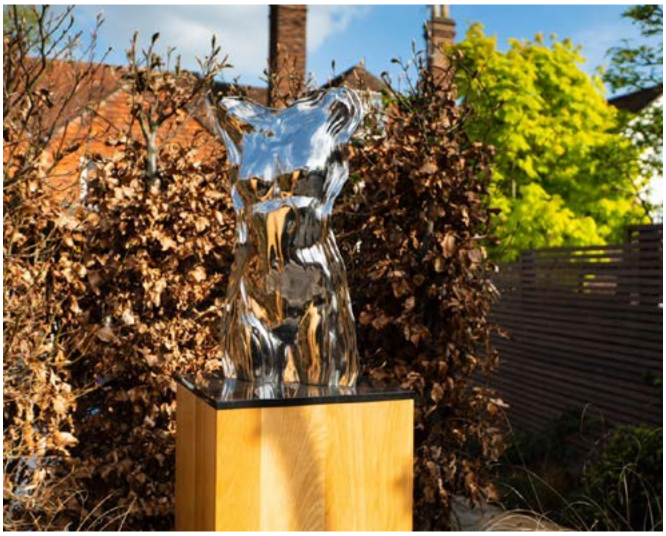

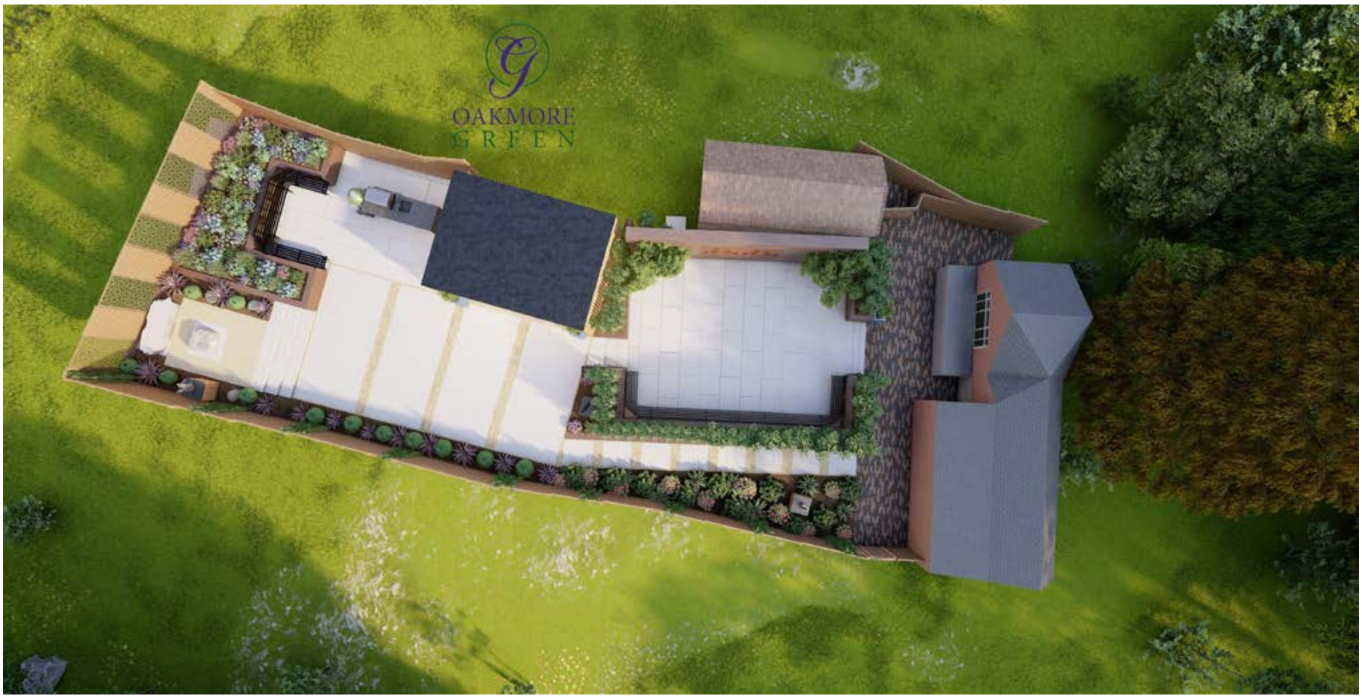

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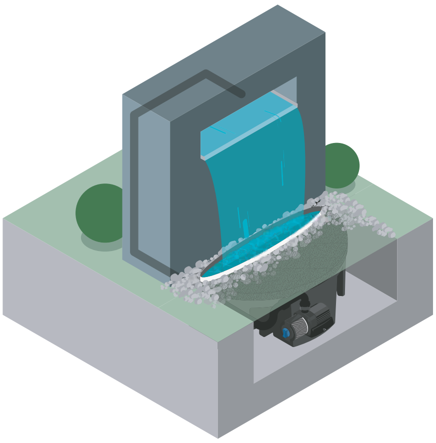

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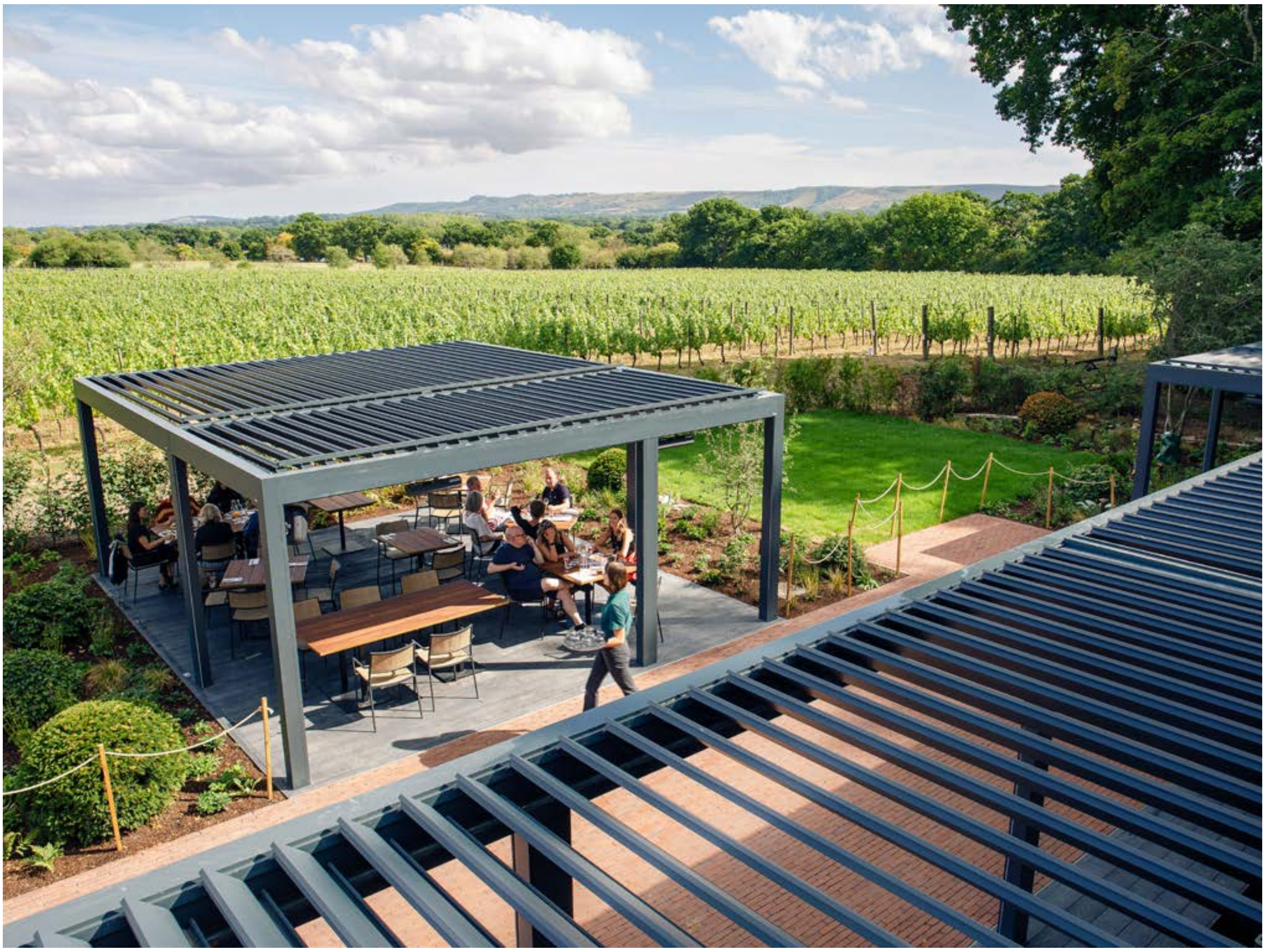

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CASE STUDY: THE ROWS & VINE, RIDGEVIEW WINE ESTATE

Luxury shading company enhances vineyard dining experience at Ridgeview Wine Estate

Since the global pandemic, many hospitality and commercial establishments have reconsidered the use and functionality of their outdoor spaces, making them more of a priority now than ever before.

In July 2022, outdoor shading manufacturer Caribbean Blinds delivered a highly effective and stylish shading solution in the form of 4 luxury double louvered roof pergola canopies at a vineyard restaurant in the South Downs, resulting in the ultimate outdoor dining area that can be used all year round.

The client

Based in the picturesque South Downs National Park, The Rows & Vine Restaurant at Ridgeview Wine Estate offers an al-fresco dining experience like no other. Guests can relax and enjoy award-winning English sparkling wines alongside perfectly paired seasonal plates, with views over the growing vines and beyond.

The brief

As an outdoor-only restaurant, it was imperative that the space at The Rows & Vine could be utilised in all weather conditions to ensure maximum revenue year round. Therefore, as part of the design, a series of canopies were incorporated into the zoned terraces, as well as adjacent to the bar area to provide diners with a comfortable space to enjoy the iconic views and the perfect spot to sip, savour and celebrate.

The finished result

After working closely with the project architect, 4 double modules of the 'Deluxe' Outdoor Living Pod™ were specified to fully cover a space totalling almost 200sq/m. Featuring a louvered roof that rotates 150 degrees and is completely watertight when closed, the Pods create the perfect atmosphere on the terrace beneath - all throughout the seasons.

Additionally integrated side screens were installed to prevent breezes and driving rain, whilst infra-red

heaters and LED ambient lighting were integrated on the inside of the cross beams to keep the chill away and softly illuminate the terrace on darker afternoons and evenings.

The project took just 12 weeks from start to finish, with the installation taking less than 2 weeks to complete, all ready for the official opening and first private event - a vineyard wedding! A dedicated project manager guaranteed a seamless process and full CAD drawings were provided for sign off and to ensure the perfect positioning of required services, along with other elements such as interaction with decking.

Matt Gayler, General Manager at Ridgeview commented:
"We wanted to design and create an amazing space that blended naturally into the surrounding environment. Through al-fresco led design, we wanted to be able to operate year-round, whilst always delivering an engaging customer experience.

The Deluxe Outdoor Living Pod™ was selected because of its adaptability and design, with the structures becoming an integral part of the overall scheme. Caribbean Blinds were efficient from design to on-site logistics and being a UK manufacturer gave us peace of mind."

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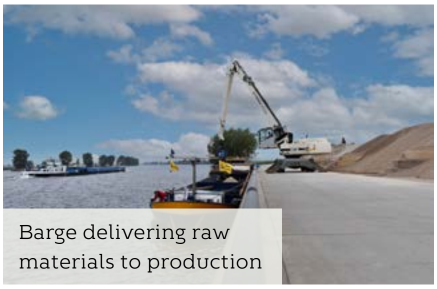

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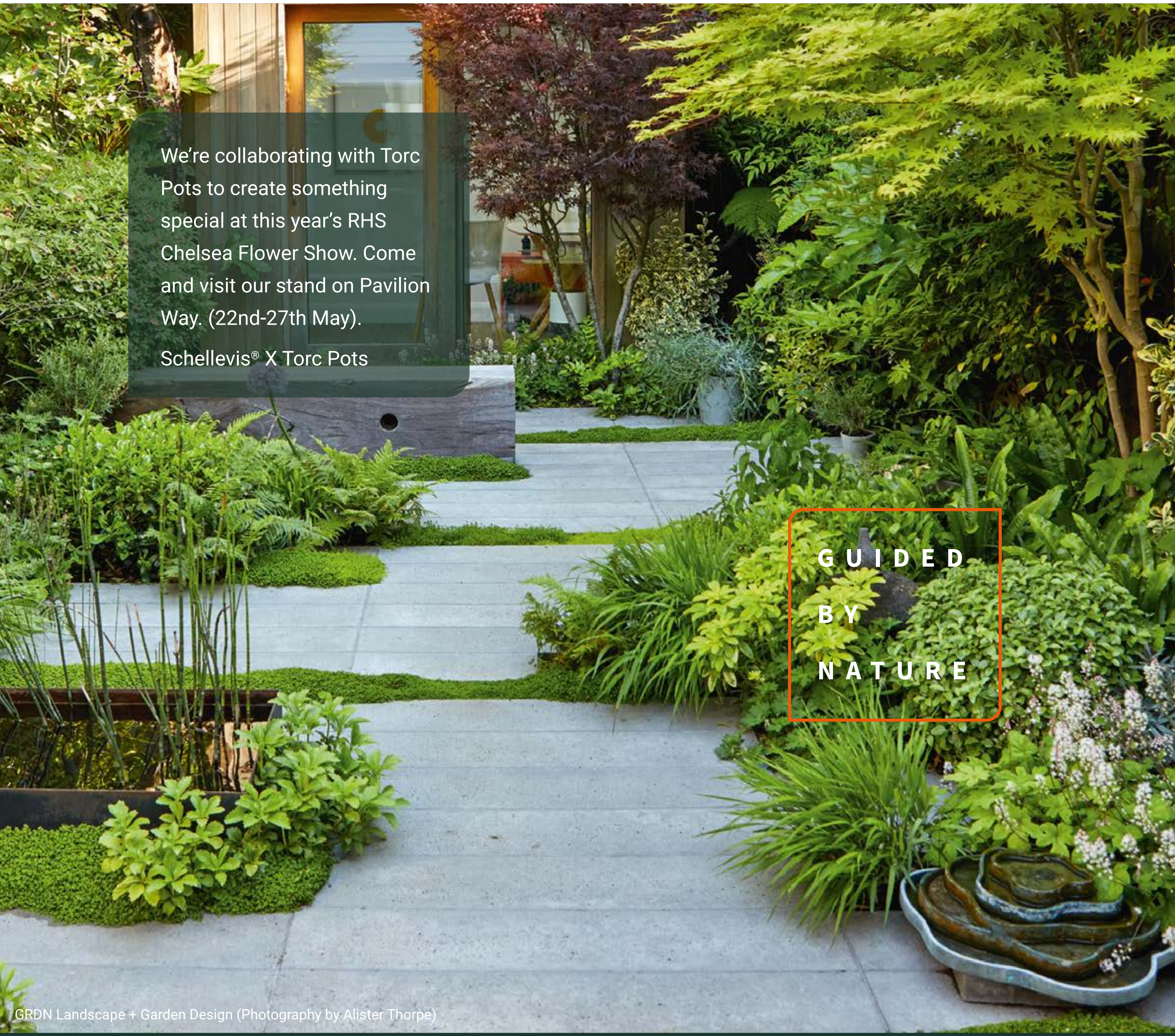

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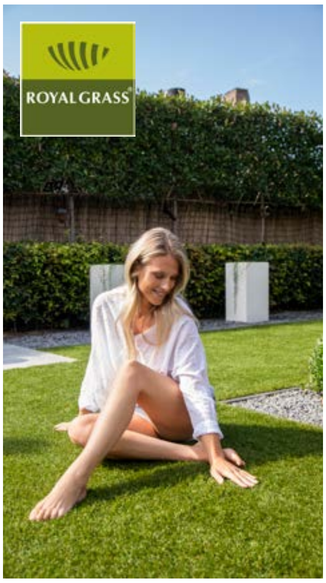

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- OUTDOOR LIVING TRENDS PREVIEW

The UK's leading garden centre, Dobbies, has unveiled a first look at its stylish new SS23 outdoor living collections.

With great value products firmly at the core of the range, Dobbies has something to suit every budget, home, and style, with five new collections that celebrate the flexibility and diversity of our outdoor living spaces.

From maximalism, Scandi designs, to playful colours, Dobbies' SS23 collections embrace a range of flexible styles and demonstrate how people can incorporate 2023's hottest trends into their gardens in an accessible, affordable way.

Lynsey Abbott, Senior Buyer at Dobbies commented:

"We're really excited to unveil an exclusive preview of our Spring Summer 2023 collections, with five stylish new themes that celebrate the beauty and flexibility of our outdoor spaces.

"We understand that good value is of the utmost importance, so this year, we have focused on incorporating affordable products and elements to get your garden looking its best for less.

"Whether you use your outdoor space for dining with family, relaxing with friends, or embracing your gardening hobby, we want to help you create an area you love without having to spend a fortune and reap the benefits of being surrounded by nature.

"From comfortable sofa sets to on-trend egg chairs and great value bistro options, the Spring Summer 2023 collection has something for everyone and every home. So, whether you're styling a city balcony, compact garden, or sprawling lawn, find out how you can maximise your space and turn it into an area that will boost your wellbeing."

The all new 2023 outdoor living themes:

Coastal Calm

Inspired by the calming tones and textures found by the coast, this nostalgic theme blends Mid-Century design with Scandi minimalism for an effortlessly timeless design. Coastal Calm embraces both traditional and modern prints, and layers tonal blues and ash grey textures with beachy soft whites to create a peaceful collection that's reminiscent of soothing shorelines.

Returning for 2023 are the versatile Turin and Lucas ranges that both offer dining and relaxed sofa set options. The elegant Chester Royal set features a classic resin design while the new Mazie two-seat set boasts a contemporary metal finish, suitable for most outdoor spaces.

Tranquil Nature

An overall Scandi design with Japanese influences and touches of French weave, Tranquil Nature is both beautifully balanced and effortlessly chic. This modern theme blends soft flowing shapes with a natural colour palette and chalky matt finish for a contemporary look that still feels organic. A raw, earthy colour palette of grounding neutrals, moss greens and charcoal seamlessly blends indoor and outdoor living to create a natural flow from home to garden.

Tranquil Nature features a wide range of Dobbies' new outdoor furniture, with something to suit a variety of homes and budgets. The Ashton line features a six-seat dining seat and mini modular sofa set in a light neutral tone. New for SS23, Eve includes a stylish folding egg chair, suitable for balconies and small spaces.

Earth and Soul

An organic blend of calming nature and maximalist style, this Mediterranean sunset inspired theme brings together natural tones of brown and taupe and lifts them with vibrant pops of citrus and claret red for a contemporary feel.

Alps remains one of Dobbies' top selling ranges, with the popular tan colour way returning for 2023 in modular sofa sets, bistro sets and on-trend hanging egg chairs options. The modern Cintra range is also back for SS23 with both lounge and dining varieties and is complemented perfectly by the all-new Palermo standing egg chair with its sleek wicker design.

Wild Heritage

A theme that embraces nature and all it has to offer, from the established allotment to the windowsill herb garden, Wild Heritage has gardening at the heart of its design. This all-inclusive theme honours ageing materials and weathered beauty, drawing inspiration from the nature that surrounds us. Traditional forest greens, terracotta and light oak tones are highlighted with fig and vanilla for an ageless overall look.

Dobbies has built on the popularity of the Florence firepit set with a new six seat option for 2023 and has brought back the much-loved Copenhagen and Rio wooden sets that offer fantastic quality for less. The good value Oliver Bistro is new for SS23 and has a modern, relaxed shape that encapsulates the essence of Wild Heritage.

Summer Colour

Summer Colour celebrates the beauty and fun of bold colour and blends rich reds, pinks, Verdigris and digital lavender tones together to create a joyful collection that brings outdoor living to life. Bright ombres and vibrant graphical prints make this youthful collection pop, while chunky, playful shapes give it a cool edge.

The Juno bistro set was a hit in 2022 and returns for this year with a new four seat version, while the new colourway in the Nectar collection demonstrates a unique way to make a statement with bold colours in your garden. The new Bologna egg chair is also predicted to be a hit.

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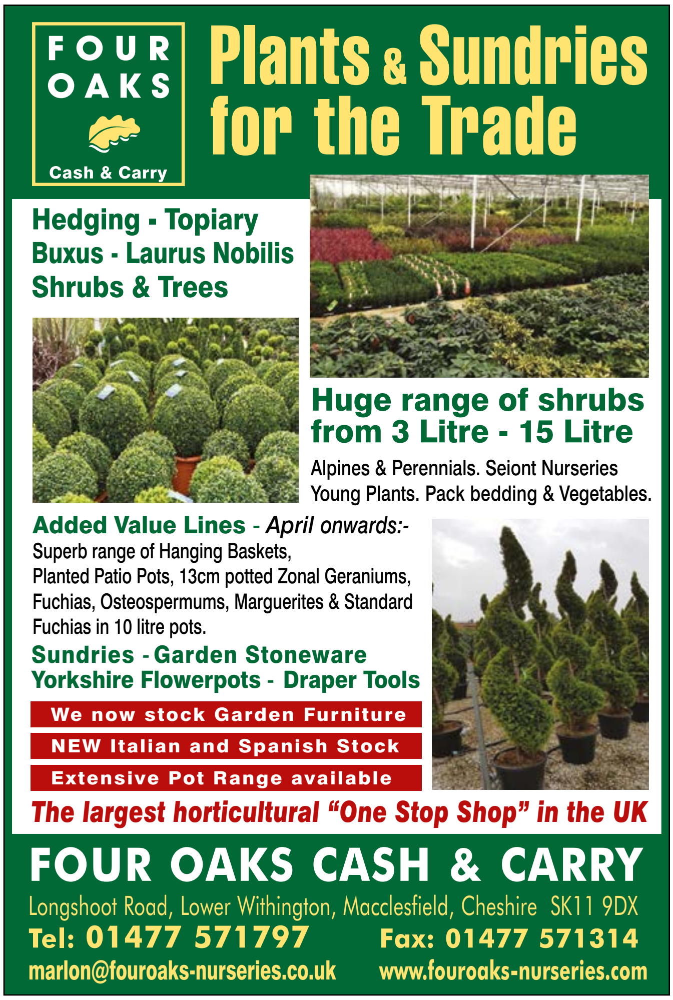
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TREES FOR BEES

From the first warm day in spring to the last sunny day in autumn, bees fly around looking for nectar and pollen to collect. As well as flowers on herbs and plants, blossoming trees play an important role in providing a food supply for bees.

In the search for food, willows are a favourite during the early spring and after this fruit trees. After the fruit trees have blossomed, there is not much more to be found until summer. In order to give the bees a helping hand you can plant trees that blossom and produce nectar or pollen at different times throughout the growing season.

Blossoming lime trees are perhaps the most valuable pollen plants for bees.

By planting a wide range of species, the blossoming period can be spread out from June to September. The large-leaved lime (Tilia platyphyllos) is one of the first limes to blossom in June. Followed by the common lime (Tilia xeuropaea). This species blossoms for longer than the others, around twenty days up to the end of June or beginning of July.

The next to blossom are the American linden (Tilia americana) and Henry's lime (Tilia henryana), late in the summer – in July and August-September respectively.

Unusual trees for bees

The bee-bee tree (Tetradium daniellii) is a great example of an important food providing tree. The pagoda tree (Styphnolobium japonicum) is another one. In the Ebben Nursery 'Trees for Bees' calendar, you can find more good pollen trees and shrubs, listed by blossoming month, as a guideline to create a planting plan for bees.

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Welcome to glee

10 REASONS TO VISIT GLEE 2023

1) As the International Festival of Garden, Leisure and Pet, Glee 2023 will connect the garden industry to inspire change, drive growth and launch innovation across three-action packed days.

2) With 400+ brands confirming their place on this year's, including exciting new suppliers and brands never before seen at Glee, this year's show will be the place to source exciting new supply partners.

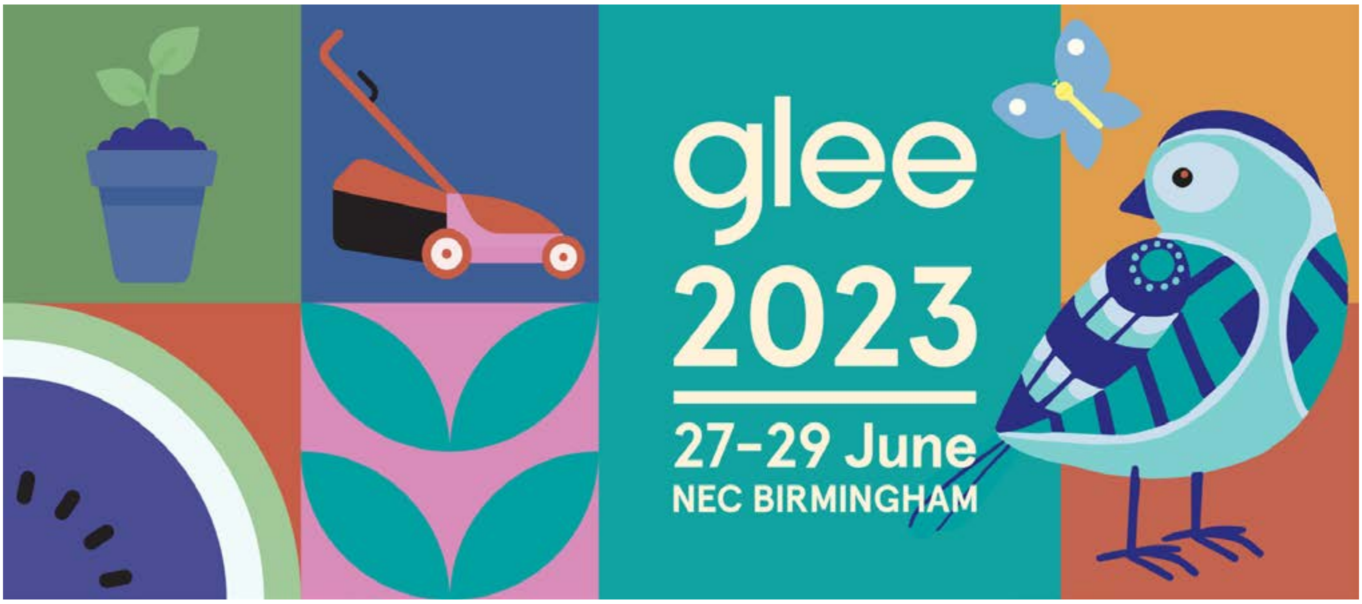
3) Not only will thousands of new products launch exclusively at the show, but for landscapers Glee 2023 will be a hotbed for everything they need to enhance their future schemes. From new compost compositions to decorative aggregates, the latest plant varieties, decking, fencing, garden décor, pots, sculptures and statues, Glee offers everything from the basics of landscaping to the finishing touches.

4) For anyone visitors wanting to broaden their knowledge then Glee will be littered with added value content. The all-new Talent Store will be the place to gain inspiration and learn more about the power of visual merchandising from the industry's newest and emerging talent, whilst the Green Heart is the place to expand your horticultural 'little black book'.

5) The relocated Fire, Grill & Chill – now positioned at the front of Glee and alongside both the Green Heart and Talent Store - will be the place to see grills, barbeques and firepits in action; perfect for those landscapers that look to offer their customers the complete design package.

6) Innovation and 'the next big thing' can be seen at Glee's dedicated New Product Showcase, where hundreds of brands will proudly showcase the fruits of their labour, with new product development taking centre stage. Starting your time at Glee here will get the creative juices flowing and help to define your list of 'must-see' brands.

7) Education has always been a key aspect of Glee's overall offering with 'The Stage' the place to learn more about the key trends and topics that are shaping the future of gardening. With a three-day packed agenda, there is a lot to learn, from issues



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surrounding sustainability and ethical consumers to how we can futureproof our industry.

8) Price savvy landscapers will recognise that time spent at Glee, whether one day or three, will deliver unrivalled value. No amount of time spent on the road visiting showrooms can deliver such a concentrated focus on sourcing products and suppliers.

9) To further consolidate Glee's networking potential, the show is supported by a wealth of leading trade associations including the Garden Industry Manufacturers Association (GIMA), the Garden Centre Association (GCA), the Horticultural Trade Association (HTA) as well as BHETA and BIRA who represent the home improvement and independent retailer networks within the UK. Visit any of these to matchmake with manufacturers that share your vision, or to share your insight with the wider membership.

10) Finally, to unwind with the wider industry, why not join the Glee team at the Glee Party at the end of the first day (Tuesday 27th June) in Fire, Grill and Chill where there will be food, drink and live music.

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ECODEK EVOLVES RANGE WITH NEW ‘ECOTECH’ TECHNOLOGY

Ecodek, the UK-based manufacturer of Wood Polymer Composite (WPC) decking solutions, has announced an expansion to its deck board range with the unveiling of its new Ecodek Evolution.

Ecodek Evolution features the brand new EcoTech outer layer, which envelopes the board to provide a highly textured finish that imitates the grain of real wood, whilst also protecting it against spills, stains and fading. Underneath, Ecodek Evolution has a solid construction making it extremely strong, durable, and hard wearing, perfect for domestic and commercial settings and backed by a 25-year manufacturer’s warranty.

The new range comes in five stylish colours, from traditional light and dark brown to the more contemporary black, light grey and dark grey. There are two standard lengths, 3.6m and 4.8m, and custom lengths of between 1.5m and 6m can be manufactured to order in Ecodek’s factory. Fixing is via hidden clip system, which means there are no visible fixings once the boards are laid, resulting in a seamless finish.

As with all Ecodek decking solutions, Ecodek Evolution boards are rot, split and slip resistant, making them safe underfoot in all weathers. Their solid construction makes them suitablefor both commercial and residential settings, especially when installed with Ecodek’s own extruded composite subframe. Evolution boards are constructed from 90 percent recycled and sustainably sourced materials and manufactured by Ecodek in the UK. They are also fully recyclable.

“Ecodek is proud to be a British manufacturer,” explains Phil Marris, Managing Director of Ecodek. “This means that we can operate with real sustainability at the heart of everything we do, controlling our own production using fully certified recycled and sustainable materials, reducing environmental impact through transportation, and recycling offcuts into our own production. It also gives us much greater direct control over product development and quality.

“One such development is Ecodek Evolution. We have used our 20 years of decking expertise and knowledge to develop EcoTech, which has resulted in a high quality, luxurious wood composite decking board that has all the beauty of real timber in a low maintenance, sustainable and recyclable form.”

“We’re confident Ecodek Evolution will prove a popular choice with our customers, providing them with a high quality, beautiful, low maintenance decking option which is designed to last.”

Further information about Ecodek Evolution can be found at www.ecodek.co.uk or by calling 01978 667 840

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SURVEY SHOWS TREATED WOOD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IS MAKING GOOD GROUND

In 2020, mystery shopper research by the Wood Protection Association (WPA), confirmed suspicions of poor timber treatment knowledge in the timber supply chain - especially ground contact products. These results inspired our on-going Timber Treatment Awareness Campaign - Make sure it's Use Class 4. The latest survey shows key messages are getting through - but there's still work to do!

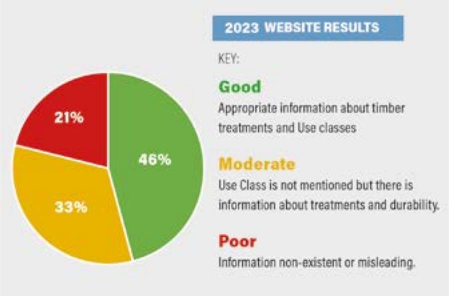
In February, we repeated the original survey - questioning a selection of national and independent merchants and retail outlets, as well as looking at their websites.

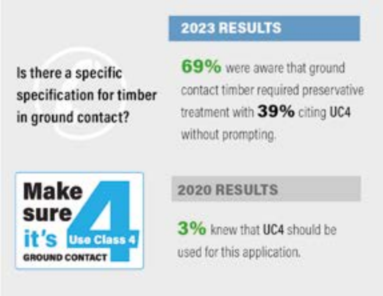
Website information

In 2020, 'Green treated' or just 'treated' was a common term. In 2023 we see progress, with 79% displaying more detailed, accurate descriptions about timber treatment and Use Classes. This is an encouraging indication the on-line consumer, armed with greater understanding, will buy fit-for-purpose products.

Telephone results

In 2020 surveys, only 3% were aware that ground contact requires a higher level of preservative protection. But in 2023, 39% cited the need to specify Use Class 4 (UC4) without prompting.




Make sure it's 4 Use Class 4 GROUND CONTACT

Is there a specific specification for timber in ground contact?

2023 RESULTS

69% were aware that ground contact timber required preservative treatment with **39%** citing UC4 without prompting.

2020 RESULTS

3% knew that UC4 should be used for this application.

There are still misunderstandings - some confused strength classes with treatment classes for example. For decking joists, which now need to be treated to a UC4 specification, many do not appreciate the need for this level of treatment. Flooring and roofing joists which are treated to a Use Class 2 specification, are often confused (and sold) for decking joists - but are clearly not suitable for external use.

Knowledge around timber treatment has grown significantly but there's sometimes disparity between information on websites compared to advice from in-store personnel.

For detailed information about timber treatments, and how to find a WPA Benchmark Approved Treater go to our website - www.thewpa.org.uk/make-sure-it-s-4

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HELP ECO-SAVVY CONSUMERS REFRESH THEIR GARDENS

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The demand for eco-friendly, sustainable products has never been greater, as consumers carry a heightened awareness of their impact on the planet and are determined to make better choices. But that doesn't mean they are willing to compromise on style or create the perfect aesthetic for their outside space. On the contrary, the pressure is now on for companies to provide customers with outdoor products that capitalise on key décor trends, whilst reducing users' carbon footprints and easing their conscience. Fortunately, Primeur boasts such a range - from easy-install decking solutions to chic indoor and outdoor planters, all made from recycled rubber and currently flying off the shelves.

All decked out

Homeowners who already have decking in place but want to revamp it quickly will love Primeur's EZ Tile range. The interlocking floor system allows users to renew any outdoor living space in a matter of minutes, delivering an attractive and robust, maintenance-free surface that offers impressive durability and extreme weather resistance.

Available in a wood-effect Cosmopolitan finish and Mosaic, which is styled to look like tiled flooring, not only does this collection completely transform outdoor areas but its green credentials are fantastic too.

EZ Tiles are made entirely using recycled rubber tyres, utilising a waste material that would otherwise take at least eight decades to break down in landfill, but also making the tiles virtually indestructible. The beauty of this recycled material is that it will not crack, fade, stain or rot and, yet, it is non-toxic, making it

safe for use on lawns and in gardens with children and pets - something that should tick all the right boxes for today's modern gardener. With 19.25 million tonnes of rubber tyres produced globally in 2019, socially conscious shoppers will embrace a range that transforms this prolific waste material into attractive products they can use to elevate their garden or balcony.

Those looking to install new decking and flooring in the garden will be inspired by the easy-fix MultyDeck™ range from Primeur, which allows users to build decking, lay pathways, and create seating and patio areas rapidly, without the need for a wooden framework.

The versatile product offers a 'floating deck' design and can even be used under sheds, bin tidies, greenhouses and hot tubs. MultyDeck™ doesn't require any specialist tools or know-how; significantly speeding up a number of outdoor projects and making them cheaper and more accessible for those with a limited DIY skillset. Products are supported by simple installation videos that customers can view online, with complete step-by-step guides and instructions.

Planet-friendly planters

What better way to advise customers to dress their decking areas, patios and balconies than with a selection of elegant and on-trend planters? Even better, is an award-winning range that repurposes rubber waste and turns it into something that, not only looks good but also helps plants to thrive. That's exactly what you get with Primeur's Tierre Verde collection. In fact, two medium Tierra Verde planters save one tyre's worth of scrap rubber from landfill, giving gardeners the confidence that they are making a positive impact by buying into this collection. To put this into context, Primeur has repurposed more than 5,000,000 tyres over the past year alone, thanks to its recycled rubber ranges.

And, again, gardeners won't have to compromise on performance because, not only do these stunning planters make a style statement and a difference to the planet, but the rubber used to make them offers added benefits, acting as insulation to help protect roots from seasonal temperatures. Eco-innovation allows these show-stopping planters to withstand temperatures of -50˚C to +50˚C, as well as guaranteeing they won't crack or disintegrate.

A clever self-watering reservoir makes life even easier for busy gardeners, who want great results but don't have the time or know-how to maintain their plants as well as they would like. A handy drainage plug gives the option of using planters indoors or out, tying in perfectly with the trend for blurring the lines between inside and outside spaces.

To find out more about Primeur's full product range and to discuss your tailored product needs, please contact the team at 01274 518800 or email sales@primeur.ltd.uk

NEACO INTRODUCES ADJUSTABLE PEDESTALS TO ITS PRODUCT RANGE

Architectural systems manufacturer, Neaco, has added a new product to its range with the introduction of a Fire-Resistant Adjustable Pedestal supporting the company's aluminium decking on balconies, terraces and high-rise apartments.

The product will be available as a solution for many existing residential buildings which still have balcony elements that do not have the Euroclass A1 (non-combustible) or A2-s1, d0 (limited-combustible) rating necessary to meet compliance with the Building Safety Act 2022. Manufactured from recycled aluminium and zinc-coated steel, the pedestal is Euroclass A1 fire rated to comply with Building Regulations on buildings over 18m in height. With a large spreader base that won't compromise insulation or waterproofing membranes, the system is ideal for use with Neaco's Neatdek aluminium decking, which can be laid directly on top of the pedestal and affixed securely in place.

The Adjustable Pedestal aids the installation of raised flooring, avoiding the cost and delay of constructing a sub-frame on uneven or unstable groundworks. Its key feature is an in-built slope corrector which allows up to 5% of millimetre-precise correction and uses a Bubble Level to determine the exact amount of correction required.

The system easily compensates for slight irregularities and any gradients on the laying surface, creating a perfectly stable and flat application which allows the laying surface and any installed services to be accessed and maintained without causing damage.

Alan Green, Managing Director at Neaco, said:
"The whole pedestal range is non-combustible and is classified Euroclass A1 to BS EN 13501-1:2018. This feature is vital to complement other products in our range, including our decking and balustrade, which are A1 or A2 rated to ensure compliance with regulations for balconies and rooftop terraces on high-rise buildings. The pedestals also match the outstanding corrosion resistance and durability of our established products.

They will work seamlessly with our aluminium modular decking, which is renowned for its fast installation, ensuring that we can further reduce the time spent on site for the benefit of project managers and contractors."

Compression Test Load testing has been performed on the pedestals to 6 tons and Neaco certifies to over 3 tons per pedestal. They have a breaking load of over 2000kg and have a height adjustment of 24mm up to 395mm. Neaco can provide a locking key to secure the position for use in high-traffic environments.

Neaco has teamed up with Buzon to develop a unique decking/pedestal combination, bringing the ultimate non-combustible flooring solution to new and existing clients in a wide range of sectors.

For more information on this range of pedestals go to www.neaco.co.uk/products/decking/fire-resistant-pedestals/

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Trex RainEscape is easy and efficient to install. The entire system includes just five SKUs and only three tools - a utility knife, staple gun, and caulk - are needed for installation. The process takes no more than a few hours to complete, and the system is backed by a 25-year warranty.

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NATIONAL TRUST LAUNCH FOR GARDENSTONE!

Gardenstone will be launching their new range of National Trust Stepping Stones at GLEE 2023 this June!

Gardenstone is part of the prestigious Westminster Stone Group and is the leading brand for garden stepping stones and garden edgings with over 60 years experience. Their products are handmade with meticulous attention to detail, at their Shropshire base near the Welsh border, and are sustainably produced using locally sourced materials.

Working with the National Trust

The National Trust has been working with Westminster Stone since 2011, with a Collection of 4 ranges of paving and garden accessories inspired by the gardens and properties within the Trust's care. For 2023, Westminster Stone are launching 2 new ranges; Coastal

Cottage and Townhouse, introducing natural stone and porcelain to the Collection for the first time.

As part of this launch, Gardenstone has produced a new range of garden Stepping Stones and Decorative Gravels to complement the paving ranges, including best sellers Hidcote and Petworth. The 5 new high quality Stepping Stones have been developed by Managing Director John Clifford, with moulds created in-house using sourced originals. Each mould is handmade with a different patina, shape and size so that they look completely authentic.

Working with Retailers

Gardenstone is looking for distribution partners for these exciting new ranges and samples will be available at GLEE for interested parties to view.

As well as the National Trust ranges, Gardenstone will also be presenting their famous Japanese Stepping Stones alongside the popular round and random ranges.

As well as a curated selection of their leading Garden Edgings which are available in a choice of shapes, colours and textures with attractive price points and bulk discounts.

Gardenstone - 60 Years of Beautiful Garden Accessories

Gardenstone's heritage began in 1958 with Rogers of Farringdon in the Cotswolds. When the business ceased production in 2018 it was acquired by the Westminster Stone Group, securing the Gardenstone brand for the next 60 years and beyond.

Products within the range enable designers and homeowners to create unique patterns within their garden or driveway. Other complementary products include paving, setts, cobbles, circles and brick pavers, providing almost endless design ideas.

Paving Ranges

Gardenstone's range of outdoor paving includes tiles, flagstones and patio slabs in a diverse collection of colours, textures and sizes. Ranges include concrete paving, natural stone, terracotta and porcelain tiles.

The natural stone range comprises slate, limestone, sandstone and block paving in colours to suit both traditional and contemporary landscapes. From traditional buff and soft neutral sandstone through to sawn edge and tumbled grey limestone, there is a range to suit any design for patio's, terraces, paths and driveways.

The company's unique range of high quality Concrete paving offers a sustainable alternative to quarried natural stone. The concrete paving uses Westminster Stone's renowned manufacturing prowess, using locally sourced materials to produce high quality paving which is naturally non-slip and frost and algae resistant. Over time, concrete paving will take on a weathered appearance full of character which requires very little annual maintenance.

For contemporary landscapes Gardenstone's Porcelain tiles are extremely popular for creating low maintenance and modern spaces within a garden or commercial landscape.

The range offers R11 slip resistance and very low water absorption, so they are ideal for use around swimming pools, hot tubs and ponds. Porcelain tiles are algae and frost resistant so ideal for the British climate. They are a contemporary alternative to traditional decking and can be used for patios, paths and terraces.

Gardenstone's quality makes it a brand to be reckoned with and one that will enhance any Garden Centre offering, residential or commercial space.

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A new updated website - at www.ecoprotec.co.uk - presents the exterior range as a separate category from ECOPROTEC® interior treatments and includes a comprehensive library of supporting technical resources for the landscaper and contractor.

With over 30 years' experience in the tile and stone market, LTP's ECOPROTEC® brand has become established within the contract sector since its launch in 2016. All treatments are made in the UK, are predominately eco-friendly, low odour and low VOC, and the entire range benefits from the most advanced research in water-based technology.

The exterior range includes sealing & protection, cleaning & restoration, and aftercare treatments designed for all types of polished and unpolished natural and artificial stone, porcelain, ceramic, concrete, masonry and terrazzo.
All treatments are offered with support and expert advice from LTP's technical team.

New treatments to join the range include ECOPROTEC® Black Spot & Algae Remover and Iron Stain Away. Black Spot & Algae Remover targets organic residues, including black spot, lichen, moss and algae, restoring natural stone, concrete, brick and porcelain in as little as two hours. The second treatment, Iron Stain Away is a professional treatment that safely removes rust outbreaks from ferrous hard stones, including sandstone, slate and granite, as well as cement and mortar stains.

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WELLINGTON'S PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY WITH HELP FROM BRETT LANDSCAPING

In-depth technical advice and bespoke design solutions from independent paving manufacturer Brett Landscaping helped a local council with part of a £35m programme of works to keep neighbourhoods safe, clean and well-connected.

As part of the wider four-year scheme, Telford and Wrekin Council had made a £450,000 commitment to residents in Wellington to make their town centre more attractive, more accessible and safer for pedestrians.

Major redevelopment of Market Street, Wellington, started in October 2022 with the first phase completed before Christmas.

The work included pavement resurfacing, widening the footpath, replacing all kerbs and installing new drainage which improved the aesthetics and accessibility while still maintaining a one-way street with parking/loading provision.

Brett Landscaping's specialist team offered extensive advice on the technical elements of the project in the planning stage and Telford Council specified Brett's Invicta block paving for the project.

Invicta's unique 'Aggtech' surface layer provides a hardwearing surface for the high volume of pedestrians that travel through the town centre while retaining its vivid colours. Invicta Pearl (60mm) block paving was used in conjunction with Onyx 80mm pavers - all of the Invicta colour schemes complement each other but can also provide demarcation.

Brett Landscaping's design teams then produced bespoke cross sections for the installation of the drainage channel block and its integration with the road kerbs. The channels run from the shop fronts to the conservation kerb; at the downpipe positions from the rooftops and acted as a demarcation and rigid lateral restraint across the footpaths.

This required bedding in mortar to take up the differences in the depth of the blocks.

All Brett's concrete block paving is manufactured to comply with British Standards for all physical performance ratings, BREEAM Ratings, sustainability credentials and Responsible Sourcing Certifications.

Jamie Gledhill, Technical Engineering Manager for Brett Landscaping, said: "We were happy to be able to help Telford and Wrekin Council by offering advice and bespoke products for this development. The skills and experience in our teams mean we can always offer the best and most up-to-date guidance on paving and its installation.

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"Our partnerships with local authorities are always satisfying as we are making a difference to the quality of life in those areas with product ranges that can dramatically improve the aesthetics of an area."

Simon Wilkins, Principal highways Engineer for Telford and Wrekin Council, said: "Brett Landscaping have been a pleasure to deal with throughout the project, providing bespoke advice for our project within very tight deadlines.

"Representatives met us on site to talk through the scheme at design stage to fully understand the scheme requirements, and also provided laying patterns and design advice all at short notice.

"During the site works they engaged with us regularly to offer any further advice and ensure any issues could be dealt with swiftly and professionally."

The work is all part of Telford and Wrekin Council's four-year 'Pride in Our Community' investment programme to 'Protect, Care and Invest to create a better borough', between 2020 and 2024. More than £35m is being ploughed into keeping neighbourhoods safe, clean and well connected.

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In all environments, a good protection and maintenance regime is essential, in order to retain a tile's aesthetic and performance. In outdoor settings, this can be a particular challenge, especially with increasingly severe weather, greater footfall and the advent of heavily textured engineered tiles. In response, Mapei has developed the UltraCare range of cleaners and protectors. Formulated in the Mapei Research Laboratories, and designed for professional and end-user application, Mapei UltraCare provides a solution from installation right up to the protection and maintenance of surfaces in private and commercial settings. Treatments are formulated for all types of natural and engineered stone and tile finishes, from sandstone to external grade porcelain.

Cleaning external paving

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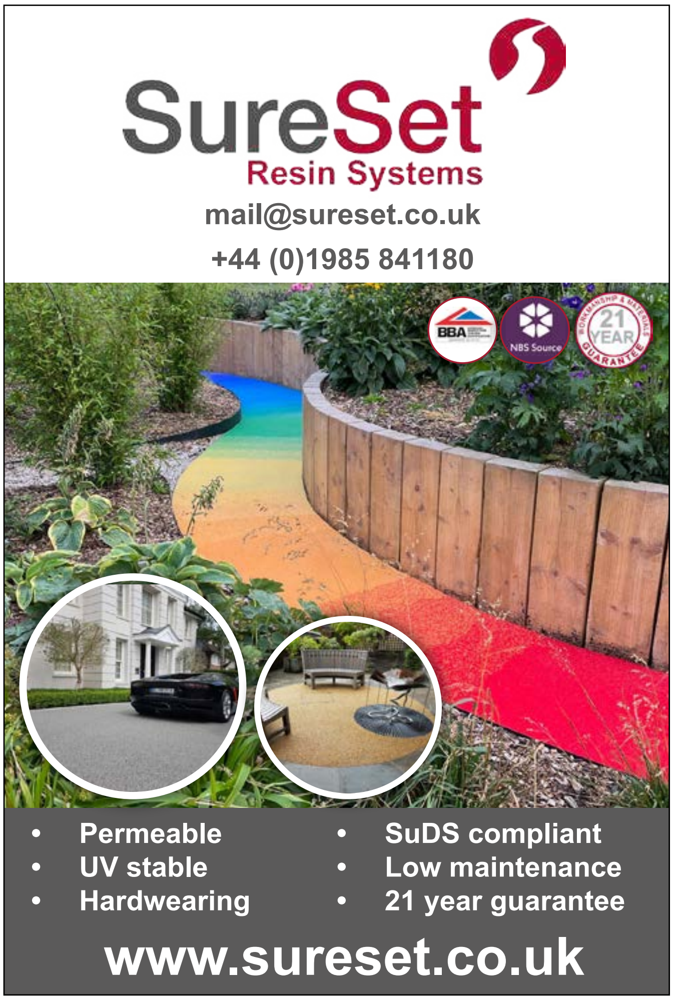
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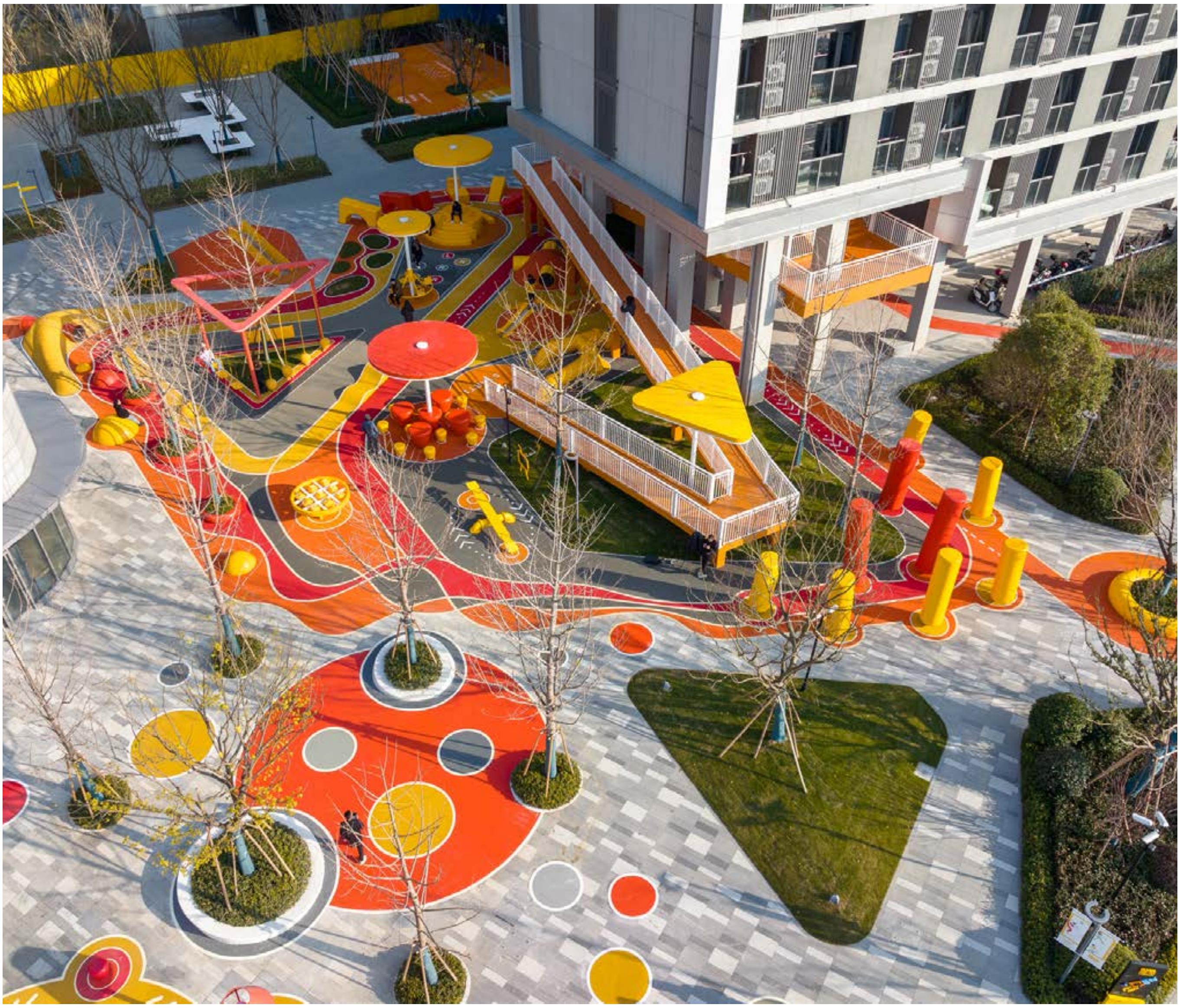

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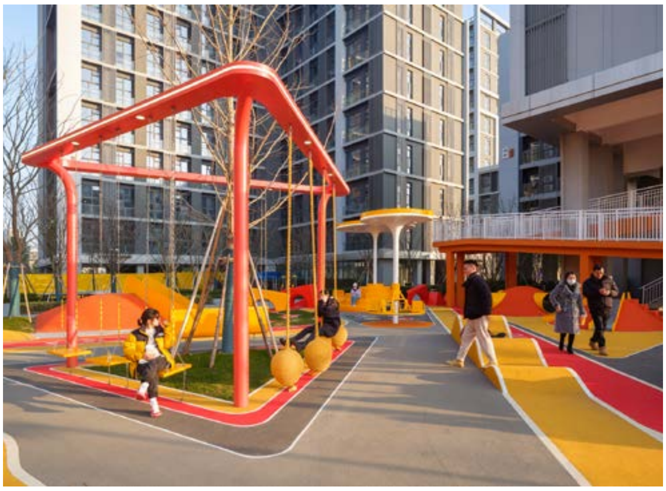
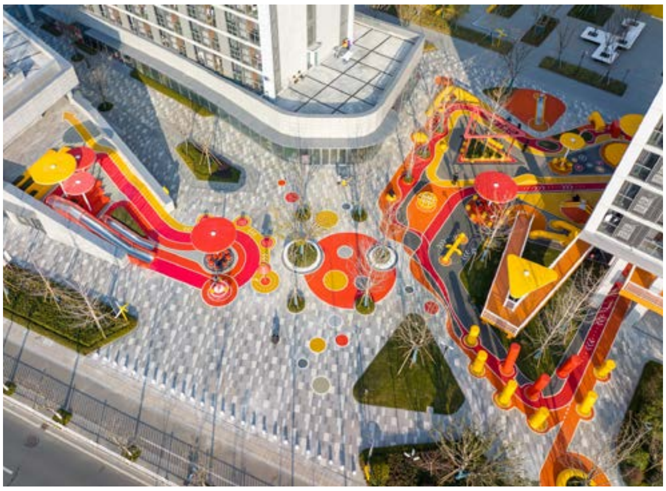
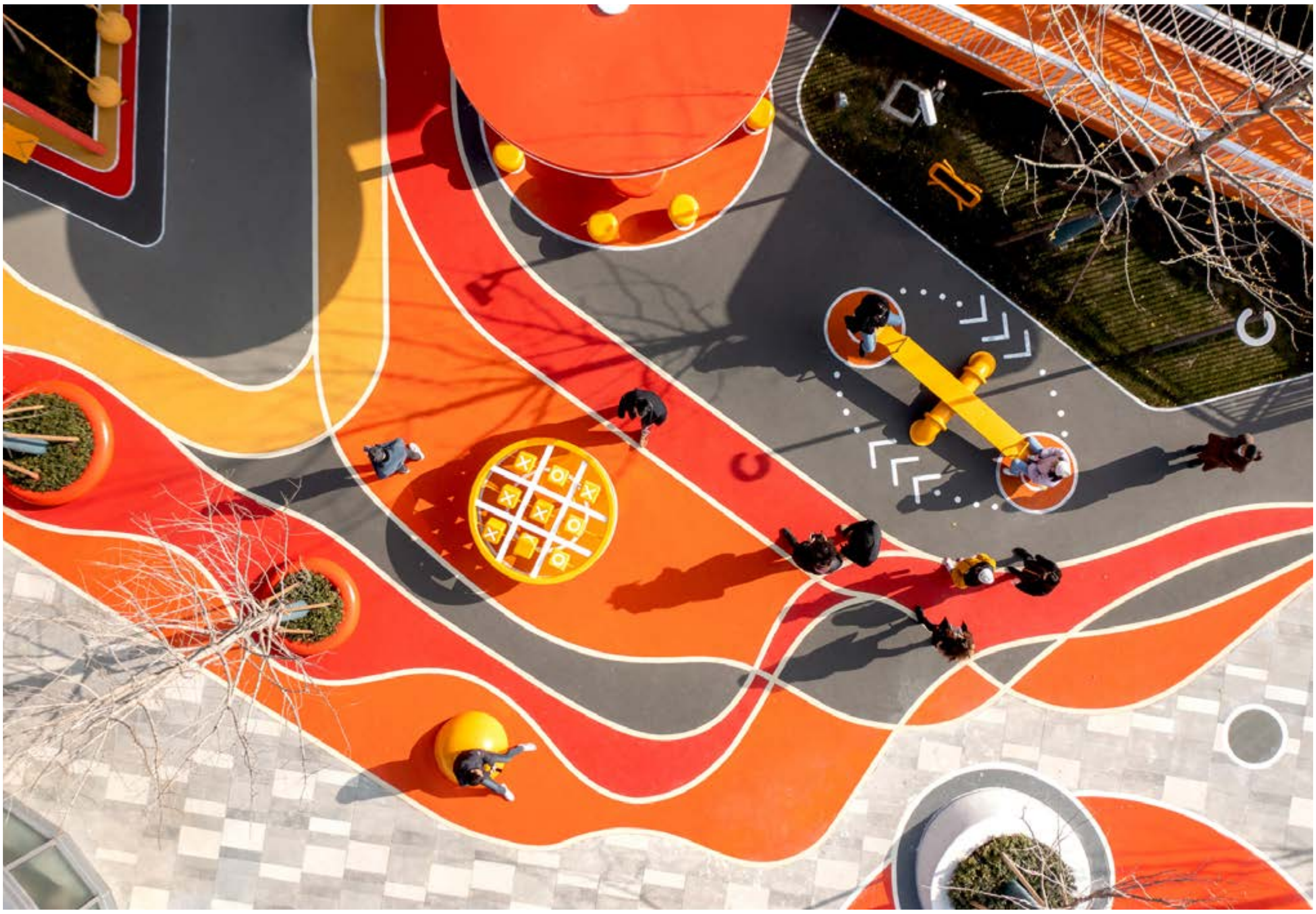




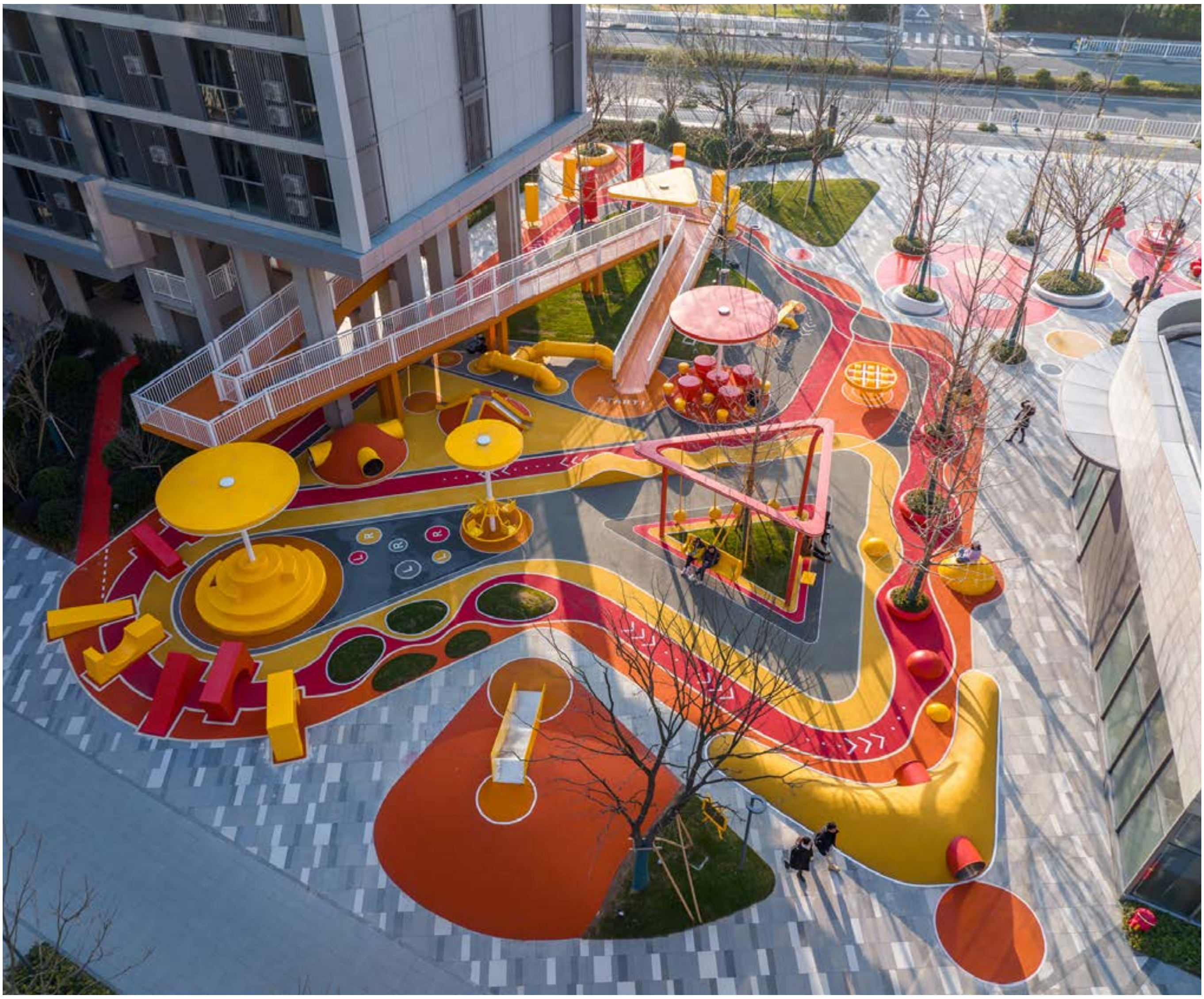


Magma Flow is a stimulating urban activation of a pedestrian street from a newly built commercial and residential area in the port city of Ningbo, the second-most populous city in Zhejiang Province, China.

One of the most characteristic features of this place is the presence of grand stairs that serve as pedestrian access to the open second floor of the commercial street. In order to activate this pedestrian junction and turn it into an eventful and eye-catching public space, colonizing the stairs extending and detaching the proposal from the horizontal plane of the floor was early identified as a key action to gain visibility, and from which the rest of the proposal could be articulated.

Thus, what before were just simple stairs to access the second floor, is now a volcano of public activity by inserting several amphitheaters at different levels, providing the stairs with platforms for hanging out and resting; shading structures mimicking the violent eruptive process, while providing shadow to the new resting areas; and even some slides resembling the erupted lava going down the hill.

To continue with the narrative on the rest of the space, a huge stain of erupted magma razes the ground level with color and playful functions for kids and adults alike, generating a very eye-catching multifunctional plaza right at the pedestrian junction. The flow of magma creates an intense & vivid circuit of events and spaces arising by its side.



Among the functions that we can find on the magma plaza, there are several seatings and resting areas located under shadowing canopies, as well as mahjong & tic-tac-toe tables and a lounge area for adults. For the joy & entertainment of kids, we equipped the space with a swing pergola, seesaws, slides, hills and bumps, tunnels, punching bags & challenging obstacles along the circuit.

Altogether, the proposal creates an incandescent public space that acts as an urban attractor and entertainment hotspot within the new commercial and residential development.

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Background:
The latest 4-star hotel to open its doors in Bristol's Old City area has a fascinating history. The Clayton Hotel sits just within the medieval walls of St Johns, on the site of the original Grade 2 listed Everards printing works, first built in 1900.

Visitors are greeted by a gloriously colourful, tiled Art Nouveau frontage, designed by W.J. Neatby, the Chief Designer at Royal Doulton. His design depicts several facets of Bristol's history; the female figure in the centre representing Light and Truth, and the two figures to either side, printing and literature, for which Bristol was becoming increasingly known.

Situated in the heart of the old city, outdoor space is practically non-existent, so plans were drawn up to utilise a small space on the lower level at the back to create a rain-forest inspired sunken garden, planted with mature tree ferns, raised beds and seating.

Green-tech involvement:
Having a good working relationship going back over a decade, Bath-based landscape architects MacGregor Smith had no hesitation in specifying Green-tech's lightweight intensive topsoil and subsoil for all the planting beds in the sunken garden.

For the tree pits at ground level, the decision was taken to use Green-tech's Green-tree Amenity Tree Soil; a fertile, load bearing structural tree soil from Green-tech, specifically developed to BS3882:2015 for use in the urban environment. Having a naturally open structure, Green-tree Amenity Tree Soil allows for compaction without sacrificing any water percolation or aeration properties of the soil.

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To complete the tree pits, MacGregor Smith specified the Fortress tree grille tray. This is designed to accept block paving to ensure a seamless transition to the surrounding paved finish. Each pit included an irrigation pipe topped with Green-tech's Mono Relief Piazza aluminium filler cap, which was set flush into the paving.

To ensure that the tree ferns in the sunken garden received adequate irrigation, the decision was made to fit a fully automated Rain Bird irrigation system, also from Green-tech. The system was custom designed for the area and featured micro-sprays and drip-lines, along with the all-important pressure regulators and solenoids. The pressure regulators are critical to any automated system, as they ensure that each emitter or drip line provides the same amount of water no matter how far down the line from the water source they are.

Jamie Cusack, Senior Associate from MacGregor Smith comments, "This was a challenging project, not only with the sunken garden, but also the tight spaces in which to work and get deliveries in. On this project Green-tech were particularly helpful in respect of providing detailed design input into the automated Rain Bird irrigation system, which helped ensure the successful establishment and longevity of the distinctive tree ferns.

Alasdair Innes, Green-tech Specification Advisor adds, "It's always a pleasure to work on any MacGregor Smith project, and we first visited the site in February 2022 as the exterior trees were going in but before the sunken garden was in place. It was great to go back and see that everything has come together, especially the automated irrigation in the sunken garden.

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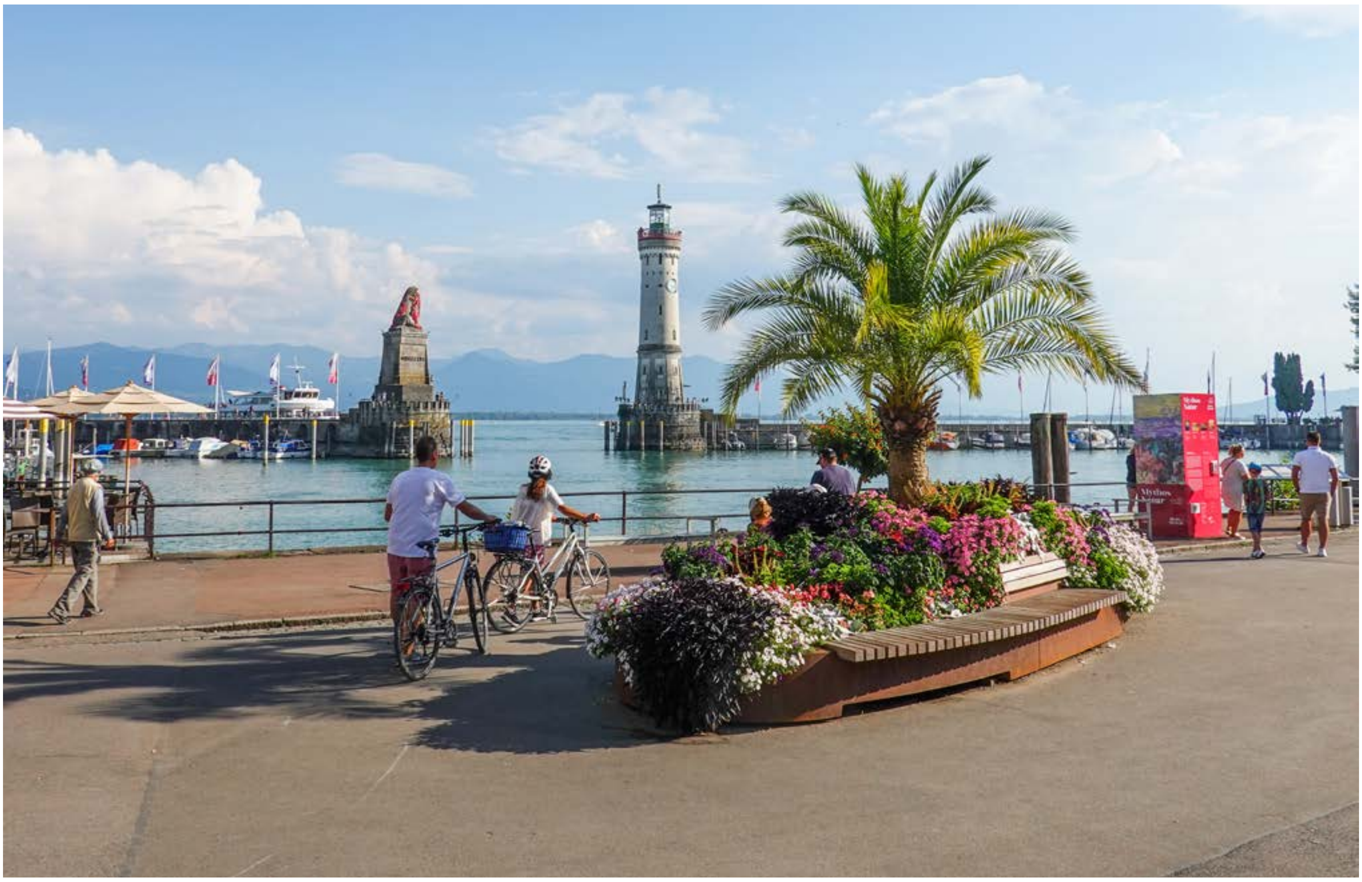

CENTURIES-OLD TRADITION AND TIMELESS DESIGN AT GARDEN SHOWS

With its impressive Bavarian lion and lighthouse, the harbour entrance at Lindau (Germany) is one of Lake Constance's tourist highlights. Visitors come here to stroll along the lakeside promenade, sit at the pavement cafés and take in the views or attend one of the many events. The old town centre is located on a neighbouring island, and its historic façades, lively squares and flowering plants make it a particularly picturesque and colourful place.

In 2021, Lindau hosted the Bavarian State Garden Show. A regional horticultural exhibition incorporating various themes such as landscape architecture, the event is the smaller counterpart of the biennial German National Garden Show or BUGA (Bundesgartenschau) and the decennial International Horticultural Show (IGA). Garden shows have been a German tradition for centuries. The country's first general exhibition with international participation took place in Erfurt in 1865.

For the 2021 garden show in Lindau, the city council decided to implement a uniform redesign of the cityscape. An exciting new beach park was created, and green spaces and homes providing sweeping views of spectacular Lake Constance and the Alps replaced an extensive parking area.

The city's public spaces were also redesigned with due consideration for the existing environment. Mobile landscaping elements played a key part, and in addition to the mobile design concept, other guiding principles included durability and simple aesthetics that blend with the historic surroundings.

The famous Inselhalle, which has been home to the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings for many decades, is located on the northern edge of the historic city centre. The conference centre was recently modernised by Auer Weber Architects and includes a new multi-storey car park with a CorTen steel façade. Globe tree planters and oval Mobile Green Isles made from the same CorTen steel material decorate the entrance plaza to both structures: carefully thought-out detailing to further emphasise the uniform cityscape.

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More recently, 64 CorTen steel Shrubtubs have been placed around Lindau. The warm tones of the weathered steel subtly match the colourful splendour of the city without being obtrusive. This material is low maintenance and durable. Local business owners have been involved in distributing the tree planters around the area - some are so enthusiastic that they now want to replace their own planters with Shrubtubs. This will serve to further unify the urban landscape.

Along the harbour promenade, the city opted for larger mobile plant modules. Oval Mobile Green Isles with integrated seating and matching CorTen steel finish were again chosen and placed on the existing paved areas. When there is an event, these mobile modules can easily be moved by forklift truck to add temporary greenery elsewhere.

Mobile Green Isles with their rich foliage now make the promenade area even more pleasant and inviting. The existing and much-loved palm trees that previously stood in concrete containers along the promenade were replanted in raised tree tubs from the same range. The palm trees give height to the landscape and accentuate the isles. Mobile Green Isles are an attractive focal point and provide accessible seating and an alternative to the pavement cafés.

The BUGA is internationally renowned and takes place every two years during the summer months. Usually restricted to one city, in 2015, the show was spread over five sites and two federal states for the first time: the BUGA in the Havel region. At one of the locations in Havelberg, Streetlife installed a long Crossline Bridge that connected the two exhibition areas on either side of the Flethe valley.

The garden show has long finished, but the new landscaping developed in Lindau for residents and visitors remains intact. A prime example of how investing in timeless design and superior quality adds lasting value to the urban landscape.

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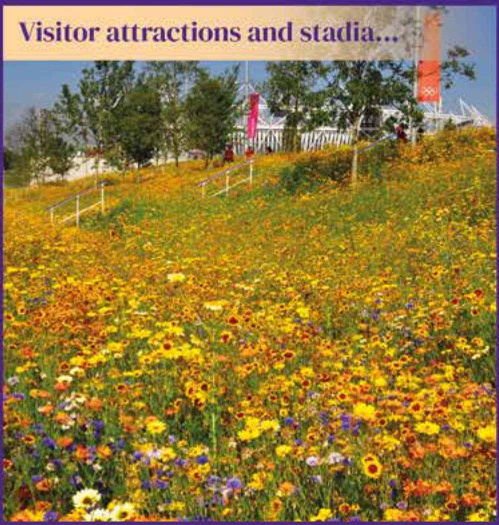

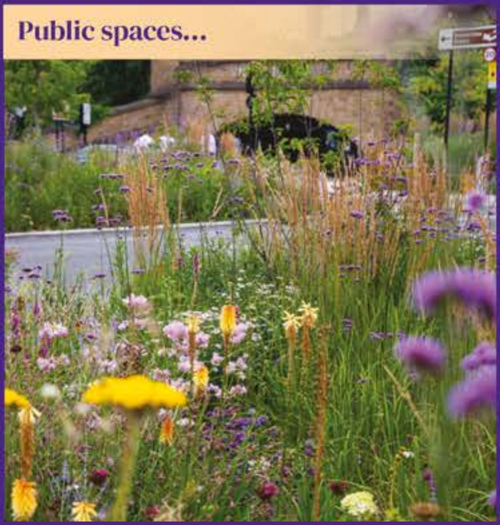

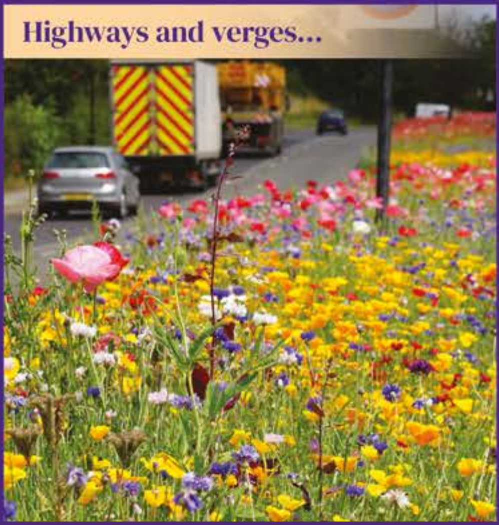

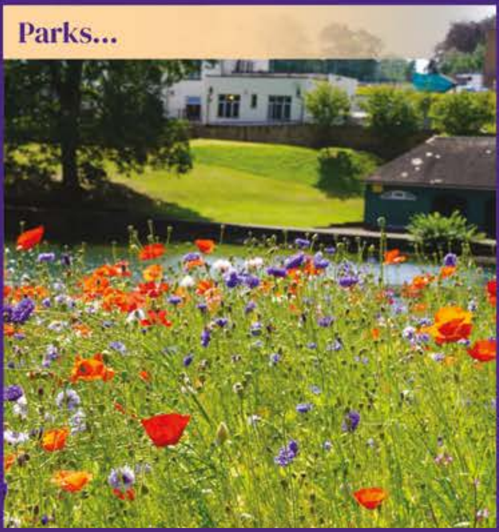

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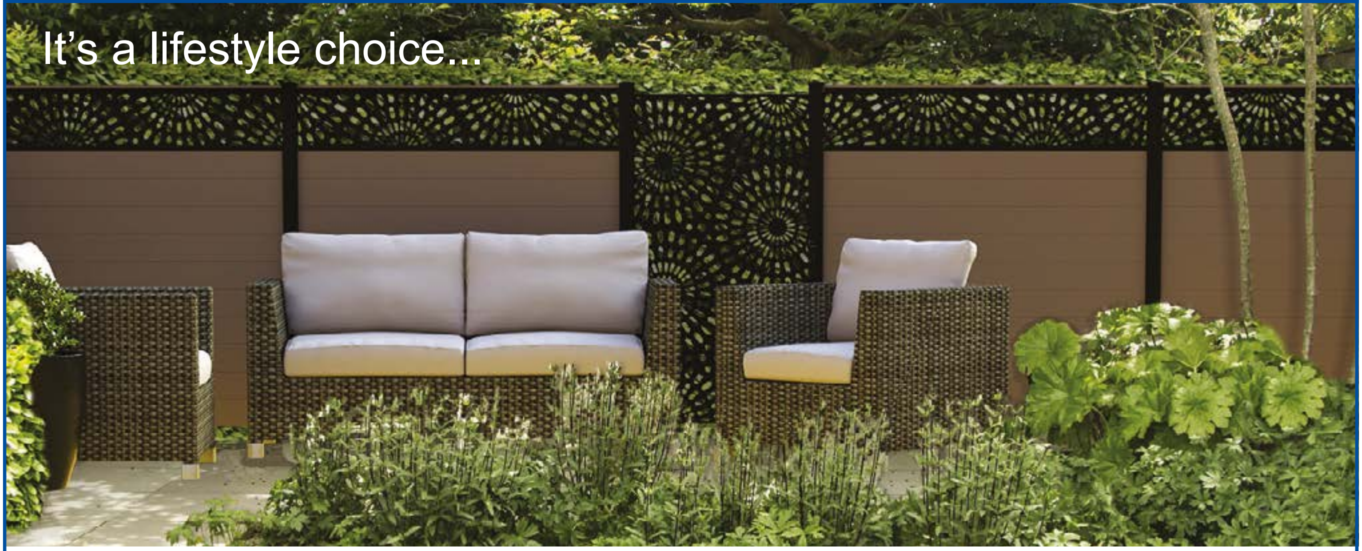

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URBAN GREENING SCHEMES

ORIGIN AMENITY SOLUTIONS EXPLAINS HOW THEIR CUSTOMERS ARE ENJOYING SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS AND COST SAVINGS AS A RESULT OF URBAN GREENING SCHEMES

By: Jayne Leyland of Origin Amenity Solutions

Green spaces such as parks, playing fields and landscaping around city-centre buildings or green roofs are increasingly recognised as valuable assets and play an important role in our daily lives. They deliver many, health, social and environmental benefits. Green spaces that are accessible, attractive, well maintained and with space for socialisation increases opportunity and motivation for people to use them.

Roadside verges and roundabouts, unlike amenity green spaces enjoyed for leisure pursuits, are deemed non-productive land with little or no amenity value. However, the visual, environmental, and economic impact of their management continues to attract a high level of awareness and scrutiny.

Smart Savings

Mowing expansive areas of grassland is a costly exercise. Within every local authority millions of square metres of amenity grassland are mown as frequently as twelve times per year. Budgetary pressures and re-wilding to support bio-diversity has hugely reduced both the frequency and extent of mowing in many regions.

However where grass is still required for example parkland there is still a need to reduce the carbon footprint and maintenance costs.

Advances in amenity grass breeding and research continues to yield effective results. Slower re-growth, recovery from drought and increased carbon sequestration provide environmental benefits alongside maintenance savings, such as a reduction in the associated costs and mitigating the impact of mowing which contribute to the carbon footprint.

Greening Infrastructure

Origin Amenity Solutions invests heavily in grass technology and innovation. Together with grass breeder Top Green our Carbon4Grass range of grass seed was developed.

Over the last two decades the differences between grass cultivars in their capacity to store and sequester carbon within the leaves, roots and soil profile when managed under the same environmental conditions has been monitored and measured. The data and knowledge gleaned led to the creation of a range of grass seed mixes that combined comparatively increased levels of carbon sequestration with desirable amenity characteristics for a range of amenity applications - the Carbon4Grass range.

An example is the Low Maintenance grass seed mix which is ideal for low maintenance lawns and landscaping, roadside verges, roundabouts, and embankments. The mix includes Angelina which is the slowest re-growth cultivar in Turfgrass Seed 2023 with a score of 8.2, helping reduce mowing frequency and Creepstar creeping perennial ryegrass for fast establishment to help out-compete weed ingression and improve recovery from environmental stress. The inclusion of hard and sheep's fescues for added drought tolerance and density completes this mix. The combination of cultivars will produce a fast establishing, hard wearing, attractive sward with excellent colour and recovery from drought. The benefits of reduced mowing and increased carbon sequestration make Low Maintenance the fundamental grass seed choice for 'greening' infrastructure projects and mitigating the carbon footprint.

An increase in biodiversity and a decrease in costs

Mowing grass verge strips is an essential operation for traffic safety, ensuring site lines are unimpeded and excessive growth does not obstruct the carriageway. Verges also play an important role as a buffer zone between the road and other structural landscape elements, forming wildlife corridors and acting as soakaways for rainwater and floodwater when roadside drains become blocked. They soak up carbon, pollutants and have a cooling influence, helping regulate temperatures in urban environments. The majority of roadside verge is now maintained with a just a single cut of 1.2 metre strip adjacent roadside per annum however, long-established verges historically seeded with agricultural grasses and invaded by tall flowering "weeds" present their own challenges, especially for traffic convergences.

Many councils are replacing overgrown or sparse grass verges with urban flower mixes, commonly referred to as wildflowers, transforming these spaces into a biodiverse-rich alternative wildlife haven. Euroflor is Origin Amenity Solutions urban flower mix range producing spectacular, colourful flowering displays and enhancing bio-diversity, attracting a host of pollinating insects.

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HELPS TRANSFORM UNUSED LAND AT NATIONAL TRUST ORMESBY MEADOW INTO THRIVING NATURE-RICH WILDFLOWER HAVEN

The Background

Ormesby Hall, garden and parklands is set in a 240-acre green oasis in the heart of industrial Middlesbrough. It was home to the Pennyman family for generations before being bequeathed to the care of the National Trust in 1961.

Part of the estate was Ormesby Meadow; a previously unkempt and largely unused field which was essentially overgrown wasteland. The team at Ormesby Hall wanted to revive this and kickstarted a two-year makeover project.

The Project

As a conservation charity, the National Trust are only too aware of the national decline in natural habitats and their approach to land use reflects their aim to restore healthy, beautiful environments that help nature. With Ormesby Meadow the team wanted to create a green oasis and nature-rich haven in the heart of urban Middlesbrough. In a bid to enhance biodiversity and give the area a complete overhaul, the team decided to create an orchard, a pond and create a wildflower meadow.

They approached John Chambers Wildflower Seed who listened to their requirements which included a wildflower meadow featuring annuals, perennials, and a small number of grasses. A bespoke wildflower mix was then specifically created for this project. Designed with nearly 30 wildflower species, the mix needed to be colourful and continue to thrive year-on-year.

To ensure effective sowing results, the turf and top few inches of clay soil needed removing to ensure there was minimal competition from other vegetation. With this removed, the seed could be sown onto the bare soil below which increased the chances of successful establishment. Using a combination of turf cutting machine and a garden tractor, the Ormesby Hall team managed to create four large, cultivated areas ready to be sown with the bespoke wildflower seed mix.

The team then spent a day evenly sowing the mix into the cultivated areas before hand-raking it into the ground and firming it in using rollers on a ride-on mower.

Products used

The bespoke mix created for this project consisted mainly of perennial wildflower and a small amount of grass seeds but had some annual cornfield seeds added in to give the requested 'burst of colour' in the meadow's first season. This mix promised a healthy, colourful meadow that would attract a variety of wildlife to the area. Some of the perennial species can take a year or two to flower after germinating, so including annuals in a mix is an excellent way of filling in any flowering gaps.

The Outcome

Nick Fraser, Senior Gardener at Ormesby Hall comments; "We had an idea in mind for the wildflower meadow in this area and the advice from the John Chambers wildflower Seed team really helped make that vision become a reality. The bespoke mix is perfect for what we needed; the meadows have been looking great. We had good late colour from the annuals and some perennials last year. It looked so good we waited until October to cut as there was still colour and lots of insects. This year has been great with waves of different species through the year. As well as all the diverse species, the highlights have been the ox-eye daisies and a sea of wild carrot. We are thrilled with the project and look forward to seeing how it all develops over the coming years."

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Active Travel is about connecting people with their communities. Newport City Council states that more active Travel means safer, healthier neighbourhoods.

Phil Slade, Newport City Council, comments, "We want to make active travel options the first choice for Newport residents and are developing new active travel routes and schemes across the city. We're also working hard to upgrade our existing routes. Our route in Tredegar park - a 4 KM footpath was previously unlit, which was a barrier to people using it at dusk. Therefore, we wanted to create an environment where our residents feel safe while preserving the night sky and limiting the disruption to the nearby wildlife."

Working with Centregreat infrastructure service provider, Newport City Council has installed 350 of Thorn Lighting's Urba Bollards to illuminate the 4 KM footpath in Tredegar Park.

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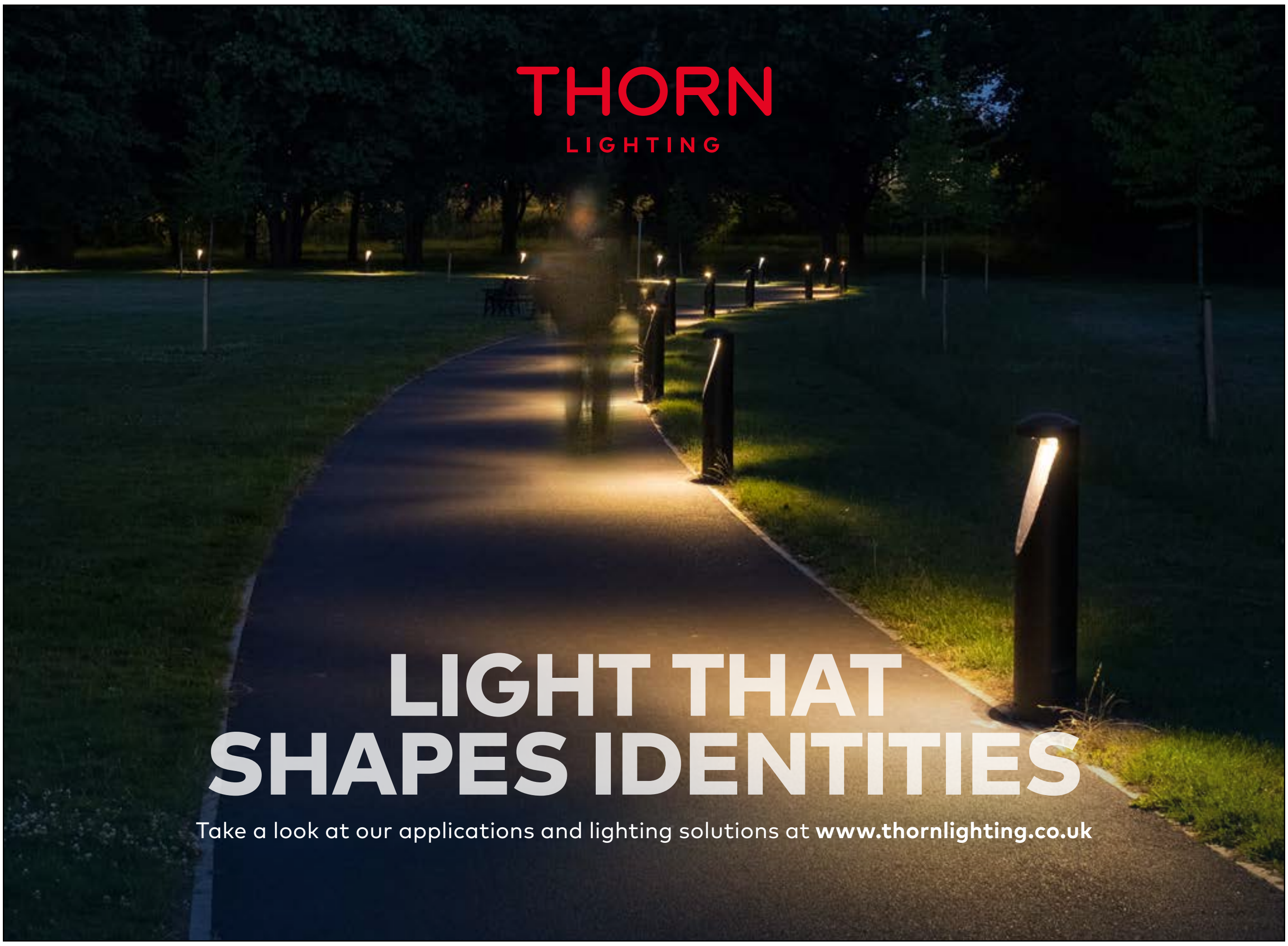
Phil comments, "It's a little early for data; however, feedback from the public has been very positive. We have received comments that the luminaires have made a real difference to when they can use the park and have been warmly welcomed in each location they have been installed."

For more information on the Urba Bollard, visit the website at www.thornlighting.co.uk.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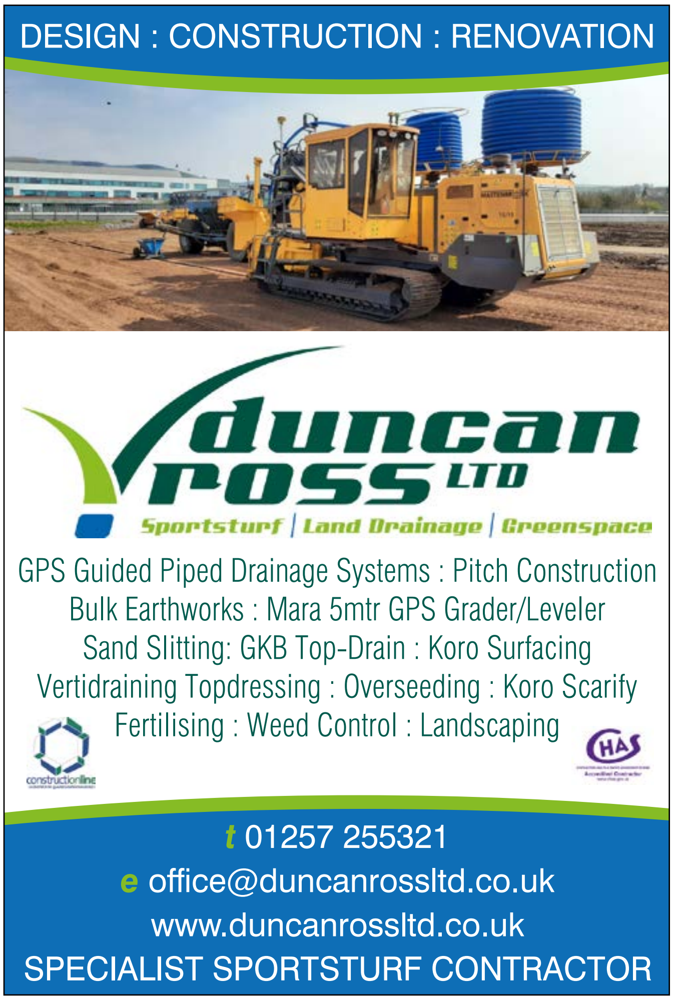
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A brand-new ISEKI tractor has not only saved Osterley Cricket Club a significant amount of time and money, but it has also helped its ground rating climb into the top three rankings.

Established in 1940, Osterley Cricket Club, in Southall, specialises in cricket, football and social gatherings. Somewhat of a hub for the local community it boasts 2.2 hectares of grounds. This consists of two cricket pitches which convert to seven football pitches during the winter.

Nadeem Chowdhry, Chairman of Osterley Cricket Club, explained why

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the Club was in the market for a new tractor.

"We started looking for a new tractor because we were using an old ride-on mower and a 1960's cylinder mower which had all kinds of hydraulic issues," he said. "It was an important decision and so we did a lot of research.

"We selected ISEKI because of the brand's renowned build quality and ease of use. After deciding on the brand, we then spoke to several dealers and the one that stood out was RT Machinery. They understood our challenges, they pin-pointed the ISEKI tractor for us, and the presale and after sale service was phenomenal."

Based on RT Machinery's recommendation, Nadeem decided that the ISEKI TLE3400 was the perfect fit. The TLE3400 is ISEKI's premium economy tractor. This 38 horse-power tractor has a three-speed hydrostatic transmission and a lift capacity of 1000 kg. It is supplied with agricultural or turf tyres as standard. An optional front loader is also available. Ideal on the farm, an estate, or sports pitches, it is an all-round tractor for all those tasks that just need doing - from muck scraper to harrow or mower to loader, it's capable of doing it all.

According to Nadeem, Osterley Cricket Club has not looked back since purchasing this unique tractor. "It used to take our groundsman two whole days, to cut, stripe and tidy up - but since purchasing the ISEKI tractor this has been reduced to just two hours," he said. "The cost of running it, on fuel alone, is six times cheaper as well.

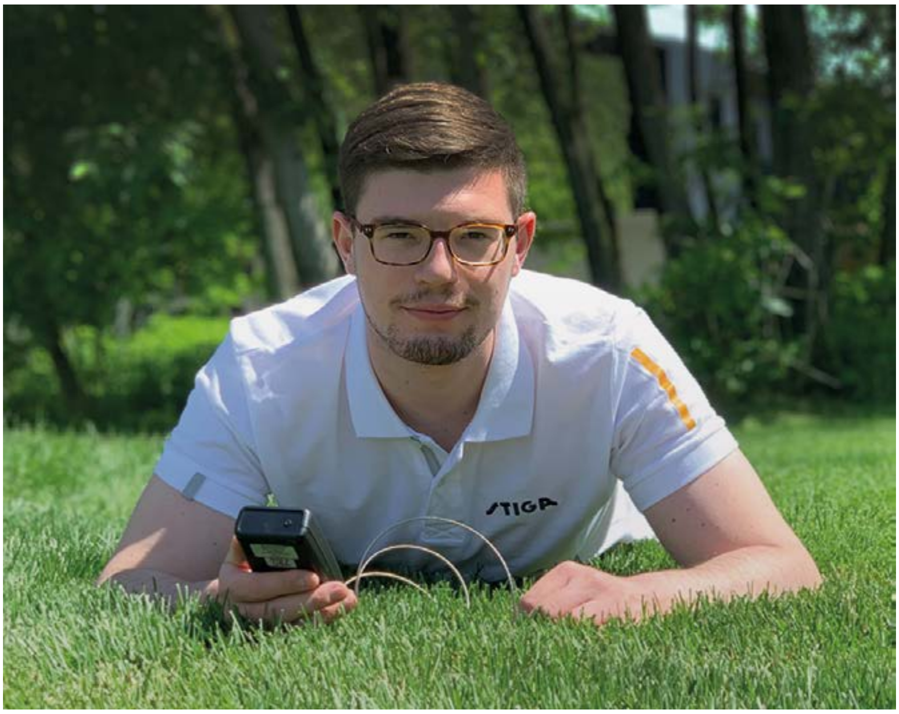
"This tractor is fantastic to store because it is compact, and it is so versatile. We use it with lots of different attachments such as a grass cutting deck, a verticutting unit, a scarifier and all sorts of other attachments.

"Everyone at the club suddenly wants to help and have go on it because it is so easy and so comfortable to use - it is hard getting people off it!

"In fact, a lot of other nearby clubs have seen our ground rating go from near the bottom of the table to the third best and have been asking how we have managed to do it. We tell them that is down to the ISEKI tractor.

"Ultimately, it has made a huge difference to our club, because everyone really enjoys playing on this gorgeous, lush outfield, and it is all because of this tractor. I would tell any sports club that has grass to look at ISEKI - they will never look back."

CREATING A WELCOMING OASIS: HOW TO BOOST YOUR GARDEN'S APPEAL



By Fabio Banin,
STIGA's lawn expert

Having a beautiful garden is not only a source of pride and joy for homeowners, but it can also significantly increase the value of their property. A well-organized and designed garden can be a major selling point for potential buyers, and can set your property apart from others on the market. A garden that is carefully planned and maintained can create a welcoming and peaceful atmosphere, and provide a space for relaxation and entertainment. Whether you are planning to sell your home or simply want to enjoy a gorgeous outdoor space, investing in your garden is a smart decision that can pay off in more ways than one. Here are some tips to help you create a stunning garden that will add value to your home.

1. Build elevated steps

Adding elevated steps to the front of your home may change its appearance and boost its aesthetic value. This tip works wonders if your house is situated on an elevated position. Choose the right type of stone that suits your style and frame the steps with luxurious flowers and plants for a grand entrance.

2. A flowered pathway to your doorstep

Enhance the path leading to your home with a touch of nature's beauty. Use pots, low fences or create flower beds on either side and fill them with eye-catching flowers. This is an excellent choice for garden enthusiasts who love to take care of their gardens. Imagine walking the last few steps home, surrounded by a vibrant display of colours and heavenly scents.

3. Make your backyard a stylish retreat

Transform your backyard into a chic and functional living space. Start by furnishing the area around your shed with tables, chairs, and a variety of pots and planters. Your backyard can become a second living room, perfect for entertaining guests or relaxing in solitude.

4. Opt for perennial plants for a long-lasting garden

If you desire a colourful and lively garden, consider planting perennial flowers. These plants bloom throughout the summer months, year after year, ensuring that your garden remains a joy to behold. With a wide range of options, such as the Climbing Rose, Columbine, and Peachleaf Bellflower, you can arrange them in a way that complements your garden's unique features.

5. Say no to artificial lawn

The scent of fresh-cut grass is synonymous with the lush greenery that adorns our outdoor spaces. Artificial turf not only fails to replicate the real thing, but it also damages the ecosystem by disrupting natural wildlife. Choose to nurture a natural lawn that insects, birds, and other animals can use and benefit from. This way, you'll be doing your part to preserve the environment.

ISEKI IS HARD TO BEAT AT SOUTH BEDS GC

Tom Hooper, Course Manager at South Beds Golf Club in Luton, claims that his new ISEKI tractor is one of the best he has seen throughout his long and illustrious career.

Tom has been working at the club since 1896 and was appointed Course Manager in 2003. Throughout his tenure he has overseen many course improvements and has seen many technological advancements in terms of equipment. A wide range of equipment has come and gone at South Beds, but there hasn't been many that has lived up to one of his newest purchases.

"Having experienced using many different tractors throughout my career, I would say ISEKI is one of the best," said Tom. "It performs so well and is very spacious inside with a good flat floor, no trip hazards and is extremely comfortable.

"We decided to invest in the ISEKI tractor to replace our old tractor, which was very outdated and too large for the golf course. It just ticked a lot of boxes for us, including the price, the performance and the lift capacity was ideal because it needs to be able to lift a 400-litre tank."

Tom purchased the TG6407 IQ which features an ISEKI Stage V, 3 cylinder 40hp diesel engine with IQ Dual-Clutch transmission F24/R24 that offers the control of a manual with the convenience of an automatic. There are 8 clutchless speeds and 3 ranges. Gears are changed by simply moving the gear lever through the straight shift gate. If 'D' is selected, then gears 4-8 are operated automatically - ideal for roadwork or towing. TG6407 IQ is available with ROPS or an air-conditioned Category 2 cab.

A front loader joystick, draft control, up stop PTO and linkage lift in reverse are all supplied as standard. The tractors are offered with either Ag or Turf tyres as standard. Optional loaders, either standard or with parallel lift are available.

"The IQ gearbox is very efficient," continued Tom. "It is easy to operate, and you can go up and down the gears nice and smoothly.

"We use the tractor for all kinds of work including spraying, vertidraining, and lots of other tasks where we need to attach implements to it. It gives us plenty of horsepower but at the same time it is a nice and compact tractor which can go on all the greens in many different conditions.

"I would recommend it to any golf course or sports ground - its range of use is exceptional. All the staff are very happy with it.

As well as being pleased with the tractor, Tom was quick to praise ISEKI dealer RT Machinery - the company who he purchased it through.

"We were introduced to RT Machinery a couple of months before we purchased the ISEKI tractor – they were very friendly, very helpful, and easy to get on with."

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When choosing a water boosting set for irrigation applications, take care to consider the lifetime of the system and if it will require regular maintenance or replacements; the components inside of the booster and if it has been correctly sized to suit the site's specific criteria; and how the system will regulate flow pressure for both energy efficient and reliable irrigation.

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